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The Parthenon



“FOR as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.” . . . The Apostle Paul was standing on Mars’ Hill, in the city of Athens, when he uttered these words. In condemning gods of “gold or silver, or stone”, he was referring to the idol of the goddess Athena which stood beside the Parthenon on the Acropolis, a stone’s throw from Mars’ Hill. It required rare courage for him to thus rebuke the Greeks for their idolatry. The above picture shows the southeast elevation of the ruins of the Parthenon, a gorgeous structure erected 454 to 438 B. C.

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The Woman And The Beast

By Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

A MERGER of the apostate religious forces of the world is rapidly developing. This gigantic combination is symbolized, in the prophetic Scriptures, as a lewd woman gorgeously dressed, sitting upon a scarlet colored beast.

"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgement of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

"With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

"And I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

"And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hands full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."

The false religions of the world have a common origin—ancient Babylon.

Few people have thought of Belshazzar's feast as being a religious gathering. The filthy, abominable practices of that occasion were part of the religious ceremonies of the kingdom. Daniel left the record: "They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone".

Belshazzar was more than a king. He was Babylon's religious leader. He stood at the head of an occult and mysterious pagan priesthood.

Several hundred years had been required for building up this religious system. The currents started, during the reconstruction period following the Deluge, have flowed on and on, through the centuries.

The Babel-builders

Four families came out of the ark—

Noah and his wife, with their three sons and their wives. The sons' names were Ham, Shem and Japheth. They became the federal heads of the three new stems of the human family.

The Genesis record says: "These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread." Each line reflected the characteristics of its particular founder.

Broadly speaking, Ham was the progenitor of the colored races. Japheth was the head of the white peoples, while the Jews, Arabians and certain Asiatics descended from Shem.

One of Ham's sons was named Cush. The word "Cush" means "the Confounder". It is also synonymous with Ethiopia, a word always associated with the black races. Cush was known in pagan antiquity as "Chaos".

"And Cush begat Nimrod.... and the beginning of his kingdom was Babel."

Although Nimrod directed the creation of the false religious system of the Babel-builders, yet all three groups, the Hamites, Shemites and Japhethites contributed to its establishment. Thus, the opium of Babelism entered the religious stream of all humanity at its ancient source. All races have therefore shared the curse.

Abraham, a descendant of Shem, lived contemporaneously with Nimrod. According to the best calculations, he was nine years old when the reign of Nimrod came to an end. Because Shem lived several hundred years, he was also alive at the same time.

Melchizedek may have been Shem; he was "King of Salem." He blessed Abraham.

Cush laid the foundation for Babel

but it remained for Nimrod to build the empire. Babylon was the first nation established after the flood.

The name "Nimrod" means "Rebel." He was an amazing figure, possessed of a giant body and powerful intellect. Epiphanius says: "Nimrod established the sciences of magic and astronomy, the invention of which was subsequently attributed to Zoroaster."

He was the first man to organize an army, and with it he reduced the human race to a state of slavery.

The Student's Commentary says: "The great figure of this chapter is Nimrod, and the great city of the chapter is Babylon. He and his city foreshadow the coming Antichrist and his city. He may be assumed to have counselled and built the tower of Babel. He was practically king of the whole earth. He was a mighty slave-hunter against the face of Jehovah, that is, in defiance of Jehovah. Babylon was the beginning of his kingdom. He invaded Assyria and built Nineveh with its broad avenues of great splendor".

To this day the chief part of the ruins of old Nineveh are called by the name of *Nimroud*.

The Jewish Targum says: "Nimrod was mighty in sin, lying in wait to catch and overthrow men, and drawing them away from the worship of the true God."

Earliest records show that this vicious man was both a rebel against God and an apostate in rejecting the light of revealed truth.

"Mysteries"

Nimrod was deified as a god by the Babel-builders.

His profligate wife, Semiramis, was worshipped as a goddess.

These two built up a great spiritual despotism to bind their subjects with the cords of religious observances. They created a religious hierarchy for the deliberate purpose of controlling the consciences, the souls, of the people. Idolatry was the basis of the system.

An occult priesthood had charge of the program. These priests were in turn controlled by Nimrod and Semiramis. The masses of people were thus kept in absolute submission to the sovereigns of Babylon.

The priesthood became the sole de-

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ITEMS of INTEREST to DEFENDERS

THERE ARE eleven million unemployed Americans at the present time. There are also eight million aliens in the United States. In other words, if the eight million foreigners were deported, there would remain only three million destitute Americans to be cared for. It is estimated that three and one-half million aliens are here illegally. Congressman Martin Dies of Texas says: "An act of Congress forbidding aliens to work while American citizens are unemployed would do more toward putting our citizens back at work than most of the money being spent upon experiments. A second act, providing for deportation of destitute aliens, instead of giving them relief, then would very largely solve our unemployment troubles."

SENATOR KING, a Mormon from Utah, demands that immigration laws be changed to allow a few hundred thousand German Jews to settle in the United States.

JAMES TRUE, of Washington, D. C., says that out of the approximate 400 employees at Associated Press headquarters in New York City, no less than sixty per cent are Jews.

IN SPITE of the fact that Louis P. Lockner, a man of varied Communistic contacts, is in charge of the Associated Press offices of Germany, occasional dispatches get through which reveal the truth about the Jewish character of Communism. The *Los Angeles Post-Record* publishes a United Press report from Berlin which quotes Hitler as saying: "The necessity of combatting Bolshevism is one of the fundamental reasons for Jewish legislation in Germany. This legislation is not anti-Jewish, but is pro-German. Through these laws the rights of the Germans shall be protected against destructive Jewish influences."

MR. HENRY ALLEN is one of the leading opponents of Communism in the State of California. On December 27, 1935, he was slugged by four Jews in a store in Pasadena and had to be taken to the hospital unconscious. His fourteen year old son was also beaten. A blow struck the child's eye, rupturing the eyeball. One of the Jews admitted on the witness stand that the assault actually took place. But the Judge pronounced all four of them "not guilty".

SAYS the Jewish Talmud: "If a Jew comes before the courts with a Gentile, then you are to give the judgment for the Jew if possible and say to the Gentile, 'it is so according to our law,' or, if possible 'it is so according to your law'; but when this won't work, then you are to get round the Gentile by trickery." (*Baba Kamma 113*)

WHEN Alfred E. Smith delivered his recent Liberty League defense of the Constitution, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York was one of the first to denounce him. Dr. Wise is a Hungarian Jew. His radical biography appears on page 334 of the "Red Network".

TWO THOUSAND people gathered in Cleveland, Ohio recently under the banner of the "League Against War and Fascism". The gathering was dominated by such Communists as Earl Browder and Clarence Hathaway. Resolutions were adopted demanding that the United States disarm, but nothing was said about the colossal armament of their beloved Russia. A part of the scheme of the international Communists is to force other countries to disarm while Moscow continues its preparation for the coming onslaught.

SAYS an editorial in the Hearst newspapers: "The greatest military machine on earth today is that of Soviet Russia. While Stalin's spokesmen deliver pacifist speeches in Geneva and elsewhere, his henchmen at home are feverishly engaged in perfecting a war machine. The Red Army numbers 10,000,000 men." The Jewish dictatorship of Moscow has fattened and trained millions of Gentile soldiers for slaughter. It is only a matter of time until they will swarm like bees across Poland, leaving the sting of death in their path, as they strike the nations of the west.

COMMUNIST organizations in the United States use hundreds of deceptive titles to camouflage their true purpose, directing their energies toward one common objective—namely the overthrow of the American social order. One such movement, working among students, is the National Student League. It encourages young people to take the "Oxford Pledge" of refusing to support the Country in the event of hostilities with another power. In other words, should Russia attack America through Alaska, Mexico or otherwise, signers of the "Pledge" would favor letting the Red hordes take the Nation.

LATEST authoritative reports reveal that Russia has 4,800 army planes, with 8,000 more under construction. France has 2,500. Germany has 1,000.

"WHO Financed Red Methodist Meet?" asks a headline in the *Chicago Herald and Examiner*. "Did the atheistic Communist party finance last week's meeting of the Methodist Federation for Social Service, which voted 53 to 10 to affiliate with 'The Red Front'?" asks the article. By a strange paradox, Communism continues to make violent inroads into the Meth-

odist denomination, working through the "Liberal" wing of the Church. It is encouraging, however, to find Bishop E. N. Waldorf saying: "Methodism must be purged of its Red minority. A general house cleaning is in order, and can be counted on at the church's quadrennial conference at Columbus, Ohio, in May."

ROOSEVELT is doing everything in his power to advance the radical program of the Federal Council of Churches among the denominations. One of his latest moves was to inaugurate a system last month, whereby all Chaplains for penal institutions shall hereafter be selected by the Council.

MARTIN NELSON, secretary of the Keeley Institute at Dwight, Illinois reports a 14 per cent increase during the last ten months in the number of women taking the "Keeley Cure". He despairingly predicts a race of "feminine barflies". Of the new "lady drunks" seeking deliverance from the liquor habit, 90 per cent are married and 77 per cent are housewives.

FOLLOWING recent earthquakes in Montana, a brewing company offered \$500.00 to the St. Paul's Methodist Deaconess Home of Helena for rehabilitation purposes. The gift was promptly rejected because of "the source" from which it came.

EVERYONE knows that the policies of the Roosevelt Administration have had a demoralizing effect upon the Nation's money. That the situation has become desperate is indicated by the testimony of the Jewish Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, before a Senate Committee last month: "May I talk without a record being made?... One day there is confidence and the people who buy bonds are with you, and then over-night something happens and they won't buy. I am talking about something which is so delicate that you cannot explain it.... The minute I cannot raise the money required to finance the Government, that minute you will have complete chaos."

OUT OF 528 members of Congress and Senate 307 are lawyers.

"MOST Italians trust Premier Benito Mussolini to dig enough precious metals out of Ethiopia to cover the cost of the war," says a press dispatch. Ethiopian soil is known to be rich in mineral deposits. The present struggle is costing the Italian people an average of a million dollars a day.

THE GRANDFATHER of the new King of England is reported to have said when the baby was born: "That boy will be England's last King."

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pository of religious knowledge. It alone possessed the true tradition, knew the hidden "mysteries" of Babylonian worship, and could interpret the signs and symbols which were constantly displayed in public places. Arithmetic and astronomy were the two sciences upon which the "aristocracy" concentrated.

An intricate system of "mysteries" was worked out. These later spread over Egypt, Phoenicia, Greece and Rome. Through secret societies the Jewish Cabala and Talmud, the Roman Catholic priesthood, and the various occult philosophies, these "mysteries" have been handed down to modern times.

A noted scholar, an authority on this subject, says: "Three thousand years, before Rome held sway in the world, the city of Babylon was the very nerve center of all the great false religious mysteries. The Aryans, the Indians, the Egyptians and all the others received their false conception of God from Babylon.

"All the evidence available, would clearly show, that the first Babylonian priests were demon worshippers. Probably, under the direction of the demons, there was through them organized, a mighty idolatrous system, the ramifications of which were made to reach, right away, out into every section of the human family. Babylon was, more than likely, the great center, from which originally emanated the strange legends, that have come down to us from earliest antiquity, in which are found the first corruptions, in regard to the relation of man to his Creator.

"The fabled figures of Greek Mythology are really the mystic personalities that made Great Babylon the mother of harlots and abominations of

the earth. She is called 'Mystery Babylon' and it is recognized, that every form of false religion has its distinct mystery, into which only those specially initiated are able to enter.

"This is the Mystery of Iniquity, Paul speaks about, as already working, even in Apostolic days, toward the corruption of the Divine Gospel of Christ. Our Blessed Lord gave us a wonderful picture of how it would be, in connection with the parable of the woman hiding leaven in the three measures of meal until the whole was leavened. From the beginning, Mystery Babylon has always done that."

In the Babylonian "mysteries", Semiramis occupied the position of "Mother of God". She was presented as both the mother and wife of Nimrod. After the assassination of her husband, she became the head of the "Mother Church".

No one was as deeply concerned about the death of Nimrod as Semiramis. She feared for the welfare of both her throne and the priesthood.

The righteous Shem, and others like him, had preserved the knowledge which God revealed in Eden, that the "seed" of a woman, the world's Redeemer, would come to earth as the incarnation of Deity.

The dissolute life of Semiramis gave her many children for whom no father would be alleged. Her plea that one of them was produced by supernatural procreation, after the death of her husband, was not likely to be disputed by her subjects. *Thus the queen of Babylon professed to become the mother of her reincarnated husband after his death!*

Images showing her holding the "God-child" in her arms soon appeared throughout the kingdom.

The Madonna and the Cup

Dr. Alexander Hislop says: "Now the son, even in his new incarnation, when Nimrod was believed to have reappeared in fairer form, was exhibited merely as a child, without any very particular attraction; while the mother in whose arms he was, was set off with all the art of Painting and sculpture, and invested with much of that extraordinary beauty which in reality belonged to her."

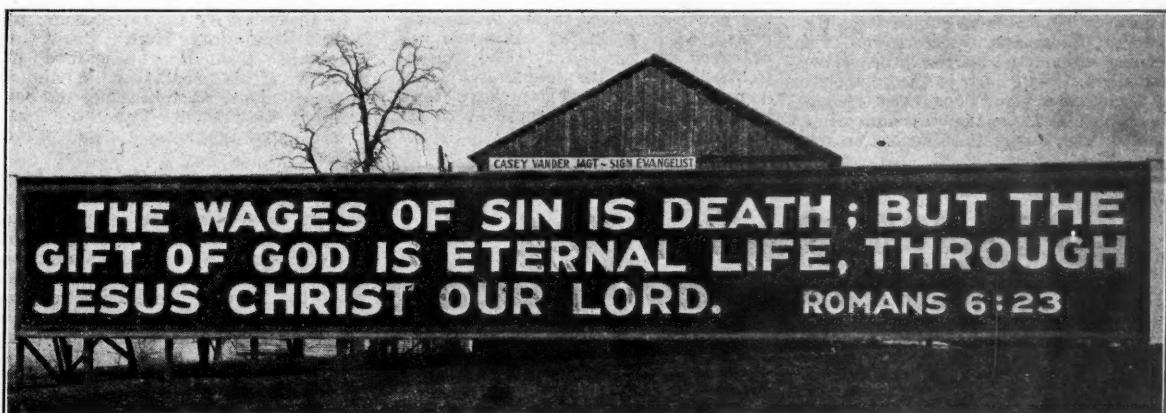
This explains the beginning of "The Madonna" which is so familiar in Roman Catholic worship. This creation dates, in its origin, back to the pagan priesthood of Semiramis. "Madonna", meaning "My Lady" is derived from the Latin term "Mea Domina".

Dr. Hislop continues: "It was from the son, however, that she derived all her glory and her claims of deification. That son, though represented as a child in his mother's arms, was a person of great stature and immense bodily powers, as well as most fascinating manners. In Scripture he is referred to (Ezekiel 8:4) under the name of Tammuz, but he is commonly known among classical writers under the name of Bacchus . . . While the mother derived her glory in the first instance from the divine character attributed to the child in her arms, the mother in the long run practically eclipsed the son."

Thus we learn that the precious doctrine of the Virgin Birth was counterfeited back in the days of the Babel-builders. As in the case of modern Catholicism, worship was transferred from Nimrod, the alleged reincarnated son, to Semiramis the mother.

The Roman Church maintains that it was Mary, the Virgin Mother, who bruised the serpent's head rather than Jesus Christ, the Son. With utter dis-

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PERSONS motoring through Michigan, Ohio and Illinois frequently see enormously large road signs like the one shown above.

The man responsible for this distinctive type of ministry is Mr. Casey Vander Jagt, 1170 Walker Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mr. Vander Jagt was converted seventeen years ago under the preaching of Evangelist Mel Trotter. From that time, until the present hour, the supreme desire of his heart has been to reach people with the Gospel who can not be contacted by ordinary religious services.

Through these mammoth Scripture verses, he is able to preach to tens of thousands of people every day.

"I could write of whole families that have been saved through these boards", says Mr. Vander Jagt. "I am carrying out the commission to 'go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in.'

"One sign 'Where Will You Spend Eternity?' nailed on an old log house was so used of the Lord that it caused a man to be troubled about his soul's welfare; he then inquired the way of salvation and was converted. He later went to the Moody Bible Institute to train for the ministry."

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regard of Scriptural language, it translates Genesis 3:15 to read: "She shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise her heel."

Kitto's *Illustrated Commentary* contains a picture of a likeness, in stone, of the Babylonian "Madonna" showing Semiramis holding her reincarnated child-husband in her arms. A Satanic invention, given to the world through paganism, which brought a curse into the church hundreds of years later!

In both the Old and New Testaments there are references to Babylon in connection with a "golden cup."

Jeremiah 51:7, "Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad." Revelation 17:4-5, "And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication."

There is but one conclusion. The exact similarity of language used by both Jeremiah and the book of Revelation is accounted for by the fact that the former is the type, while the latter is the antitype. One refers to the old city of Babylon under Nimrod and Semiramis, and the other has to do with the modern ecclesiastical Roman Catholic Babylon.

The parallelism is too evident for controversy. The "mysteries" of the ancient Babylonian priesthood are reflected in the use of the same word, mystery, in Revelation 17:5.

As a matter of conclusive identity between the paganism of Old Babylon, the reference in Jeremiah, the prophecy of Revelation, and Roman Catholicism as it exists today, we are reminded of Pope Leo XII and his famous "cup". Wherever nations have sipped from the "cup" of Romanism, those nations have become intoxicated on the wine of her paganism. Going back to the mysteries of ancient Babylon, Pope Leo struck a medal in 1825, on the occasion of a jubilee, which bore his likeness on one

side, and on the other, a woman symbolizing the Church; and in her hand she was holding a "cup". The medal contained these words, "Sedet super universum," which means: "The whole world is her seat."

The "Confessional" of the Roman Church likewise originated in Babylon.

Semiramis created it as a part of the "mysteries" of the priesthood. The system required secret confession to a priest before one could be admitted into complete initiation.

Once such confession was made, the victim was henceforth bound hand and foot to the priesthood. Therefore, the fundamental purpose of the Confessional was to serve as a spy system. Emanating from Babylon, this scheme later permeated all the religions of the world—Medo-Persia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, etc.

Salverte says: "All the Greeks from Delphi to Thermopylae, were initiated in the mysteries of the temple of Delphi. Their silence in regard to everything they were commanded to keep secret was secured both by the fear of the penalties threatened to a perjured revelation, and by the general CONFESSION exacted of the aspirants after initiation—a confession which caused them greater dread of the indiscretion of the priest, than gave him reason to dread their indiscretion."

Pergamos and Ephesus

It was in the third century, under Constantine, that Babylonian paganism and Christianity were united.

Constantine, an Emperor of Rome, professed conversion, renounced the pagan deities, and took the name Christian. But unfortunately his pagan past influenced all that he said and did. He became the head of the Christian church. Under his administration the streams of Babylonian "mysteries" and Christianity flowed together.

The Church became demoralized, and the pagan practices of the Semiramis priesthood took on the name and appearance of Christianity. And, thanks to the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the delusions of old Babylon have been handed down to the present day.

The question naturally arises: HOW

WERE THESE ANCIENT "MYSTERIES" PRESERVED AND TRANSPLANTED FROM BABYLON TO ROME?"

Historians have answered the inquiry.

Even when the Medes and Persians captured the city of Babylon, centuries after the death of Semiramis, the same religious program of occult "mysteries" was preserved. The system created an office whereby one man, the chief patriarch, became the head of the "Church".

The headquarters were eventually transferred from Babylon to the city of Pergamos in Asia Minor. This arrangement was in existence in the days of Christ and the Apostles. Hence the reference of our Lord, in Revelation 2: 12-13, to Pergamos as the place "WHERE SATAN'S SEAT IS."

During the centuries following the Satanic work of Semiramis and Nimrod, the perverted religious ideals of Babylon filtered through the entire world. "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

No color or nationality was spared the polluting effects of the "Mother Church". As previously indicated, the opium was inherent in the three branches of the race—the Hamites, Semites and Japhethites. All three contributed to building the original system under Nimrod and his consort.

The curse became particularly pronounced among the Jews, who took on the ways of the pagan priesthood, while in Babylon during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. It was then that the occult Cabala and Talmud had their beginnings.

Thus we see that Babylon is the fountain head of all the false religions which will ripen into apostate fruition under the Antichrist during the end-time of the present age.

In the year 133 B. C., Attalus, the Pontiff-King, or High Priest of Pergamos died. He bequeathed his priestly offices, wealth and dominions to the Romans. At that time, the seat of the Babylonian Priesthood was moved from Pergamos to the city of Rome.

As the Etruscans migrated to Italy from the region of Pergamos, they brought with them the religious rites of that territory. They created the office of Pontiff. When Julius Caesar became Emperor of Rome he was also made the Pope of the Roman religion. Claiming himself to be a god, he announced that he was the son of Venus. He became known as Divius Julius, or the god Julius.

This proves that Rome had become the seat of the Babylonian "mysteries" even before the rise of Christianity.

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Julius was officially recognized as the "Supreme Pontiff" of the "Babylonian Order." By this means he inherited all that had been left by Attalus, the ruler of Pergamos ("Satan's Seat"). Roman Emperors continued to occupy the office of Supreme Pontiff until the year 376 A. D.

By degrees the Babylonian system invaded Christianity until it finally produced the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH—a blending of idolatry and the Christian religion.

ROMAN CATHOLICISM IS THEREFORE "BAPTIZED PAGANISM".

One writer says: "The priests came into Christianity in large numbers, the various orders were set up, the old images receiving new names, were called 'saints', and were established for worship, and the head priest became Pontifex Maximus. And that awful system called the Church, which we know in history, came into being."

Paul, studying the Babylonian "mysteries" and anticipating their invasion into Christianity, said: "The MYSTERY OF INIQUITY doth already work".

The office of Supreme Pontiff became that of the Pope. Worship of the Virgin Mary began in 381 A. D. The main festivals of the Roman Church are of Babylonian origin. Easter, for instance, means "Ishtar", which was a name of the Babylonian Queen of Heaven.

The rosary is a pagan invention. The "sign of the Cross" originated from the mystic word "Tau" an abbreviation of which was the letter "T". In fact, "Tau" came from Tammuz, one of Nimrod's names.

"Baptismal Regeneration", "Transubstantiation", "Holy Water", "Lights on the Altar", "Mystery Plays" and the use of foreign languages in conducting religious ceremonies, all came from ancient Babylon. The modern Nuns of Catholicism are imitations of the "Vestal Virgins" of pagan Rome.

"Mystery, Babylon the great, is the MOTHER of harlots and abominations of the earth."

Back in the days when Pergamos was the seat of the system, the "mysteries" spread in all directions. A large center was established in the city of Ephesus where it became known as Diana worship. A temple was built, known as one of the seven wonders of the world.

The goddess Diana was an idol fashioned according to the person of Semiramis, wearing a tower like the Tower of Babel in the form of a crown, as well as a rosary and other trappings

which we have now come to identify with Roman Catholicism.

"Blood of the Saints"

The Patmos Vision symbolizes the false religions of the world as a lewd woman. We are told that this abandoned creature (1) wears purple and scarlet clothing, (2) is rich in jewels, (3) is guilty of fornication with the kings of the world, (4) is drunken with the blood of saints, (5) and sits on seven mountains. (6) She rides a scarlet colored beast.

(1) The colors of the Roman Church are purple and scarlet. Her dignitaries wear red caps. The Eucharistic Congress, held in Chicago a few years ago, brought Papal delegates from abroad. The train carrying them from New York was painted scarlet to represent the official color of the Church.

When a new Pope is installed into office, he is required to wear certain specified articles of clothing, and five of them are scarlet. His vest is covered with pearls. He also wears a mitre adorned with dazzling stones.

(2) Rev. M. Baxter, the noted student of Bible prophecy, wrote eighty years ago: "The woman is arrayed in purple and scarlet colors, which are notoriously the distinctive colours in the ecclesiastical robes of the Romish Church dignitaries; and she is also decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, which have been lavished in such profusion upon many of the Romish chapels and Churches in Italy and elsewhere, that the value of the jewels, precious stones, and gold expended upon their decoration, is almost beyond human computations."

(3) "The judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters".

This reference to "many waters" has to do with the control exercised by the Catholic Church over governments, peoples, tongues and kingdoms. The Scriptures condemn every such effort toward the uniting of Church and State. This is described as "fornication" with the world.

With the passing of the centuries, as empires came and went, the apostate Church gradually gathered to itself ever increasing powers over governments and monarchs. Her position is the same today. There is scarcely a nation in Europe that does not fear the Woman. She controls all of South America. Her emissaries occupy strategic positions in practically all governments, particularly the United States.

An example from history, will illustrate the power which the Church has always exercised in temporal matters: In the year 1073 Gregory II ascended to the Papal throne. He did not hesitate to make known his views that the gov-

ernments of the world were inferior to the Pope.

Henry IV was Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire at that time. Gregory was determined to bring the monarch to his knees begging for mercy. The Pope gave him one year to meet certain conditions laid down by Church. Henry found himself in a miserable plight.

Toward the end of the year, the helpless King decided to cross the Alps and cast himself at the Pope's feet, pleading for absolution. It was an unusually severe winter and the Alpine passes made travel well nigh impossible. But Henry completed the journey, taking with him a number of prominent officials.

Reaching the gates of the Pope's castle, he and his company were denied entrance. He pleaded for mercy and begged the Pontiff "not to break the bruised reed."

Finally the Pope relented and agreed to see the monarch. But the interview was not granted until Henry had been compelled to stand barefooted in the snow, three days and three nights.

"Grant me thy absolution!" pleaded the pathetic figure casting his powerful body at the feet of the Pope, bursting into tears as he did so.

(4) We are told that the Woman is "drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."

From the vantage point of the year 1936, this verse looks *backward* to the slaughter of God's children through the centuries who have dared to resist Babylonian paganism, and it looks *forward* to the reign of the Antichrist when the saints will be martyred by the Woman and the Beast.

We only need to consider the history of the persecutions of the early Christians, contemplate the destruction of the Protestants, remind ourselves of the fate of the Huguenots, and refresh our memory regarding the Inquisition in Papal lands, to realize that the Harlot is bloated with the blood of true believers.

Baxter wrote: "History abounds with numerous proofs of the Romish church having plentifully shed the blood of Christians. As an instance of this, it is testified by Llorente, a Romanist, in

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his published memoirs of the Inquisition, of which he was himself a secretary, that in Spain alone it immolated 'on its flaming shambles more than three hundred thousand victims', and public holidays were celebrated by the burning alive of so-called heretics."

(5) "The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth."

The city of Rome, the seat of the Woman's international government, is known to be built on seven mountains. It is proverbially referred to by ancient and modern writers as "the seven-hilled city".

Wadsworth says: "On the imperial medals of that age, which are still preserved, we see Rome figured as a woman on seven hills, precisely as she is represented in the Apocalypse."

(6) "I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

Historically this Beast represents the old Roman Empire. Prophetically it refers to the revived Roman Empire which at this moment is in process of resurrection. Mussolini's supreme ambition is to restore the Empire.

Mussolini and the Pope

There is a marked resemblance between Mussolini and the predicted Antichrist of the Scriptures.

Prior to his rise to power, Mussolini professed to be an out and out atheist. His blasphemy and profanity knew no bounds. As far back as 1904, he wrote:

"When we claim that 'God does not exist,' we mean to deny by this declaration the personal God of theology, the God worshipped in various ways and divers modes by believers the world over, that God who from nothing created the universe, from chaos matter, that God of absurd attributes who is an affront to human reason.

"With each new discovery of chemistry, physics, biology, the anthropological sciences, of the practical application of sound principles, dogma collapses. It is a part of that old edifice of religion which crumbles and falls in ruins. The continuous progress of the natural sciences now extending

from city to country, disperses the darkness of the Middle Ages, and the multitudes desert the churches where from generation to generation they betook themselves to pray to God—that monstrous product of human ignorance.

"Let us examine the nature of God. We force ourselves, therefore, to reason in a vacuum, the God of religions being their own image of their mental vacuum, the proof of the complete absence of any activity in reasoning....

"That which affronts human reason most is the inconceivable fact of the creative power of a God who from nothingness created everything, from chaos the universe....

"One would have to be completely without knowledge of physiology, botany, and psychology to claim today the existence of a 'soul' independent of the body; on the contrary one does not form one of the two distinct aspects of the unique human nature.

"Dogma is absurd because it presupposes immobility and the absolute. Nothing in the world is absolute, everything is relative. Nothing is entirely changeless, but there is a continual transformation, a perpetual movement of forces.

"Dogma presents to human reason an obstacle to progress because it imposes limitations to the painful but salutary impulses towards the search for truth, because it checks the free expansion of all intellectual energy.

"Science is now in the process of destroying religious dogma. The dogma of the divine creation is recognized as absurd.

"Religion is the opium of the people—Karl Marx."

At heart, Mussolini has always hated God. He inherited his aversion for all forms of religion from his father. During the World War, when the King sent a message to the Italian troops which concluded with a plea for the help of Divine Providence, Mussolini remarked sneeringly: "We shall conquer without God."

In the days when he was a young radical, exiled in Switzerland, he dared God to strike him dead during the course of a lecture which he was delivering on Atheism.

All his life he has nursed a grudge against Popes. He insulted Pope Pius

XI on more than one occasion in public addresses.

Mussolini became the dictator of Italy in 1922. For seven years bitter hatred existed between himself and the Pope. Then there came a sudden change, in which the Superman decided to make peace with the Scarlet Woman.

Seven years of conflict convinced him that he could not hope to rule successfully and permanently without the aid of the Church. Fascism was sinking into economic and political mud. The Pope was quietly pulling wires behind the scenes and all the time forcing the Superman farther and farther into the corner. Something had to be done!

Thereupon, Mussolini became a "baptized atheist". In 1929 he humbled himself like King Henry IV. Figuratively speaking, he "stood in the snow." Among other things, he permitted himself to be married to his wife again, this time under the direction of the Church. He also allowed a photograph of himself to be taken in prayer, before the statue of St. Peter in Rome.

Think of the pressure exercised by the Pope in thus bringing the world's greatest autocrat to his knees. But this was not all—

On February 7, 1929, the Fascist government announced that A NEW STATE WAS BEING CREATED—the Pope was to be given a temporal kingdom, something the Church had wanted since the year 1870 when the ruling Pontiff had deliberately declared himself a prisoner within the Vatican.

No sooner had Mussolini signed the treaty, than shouts of praise went up from Catholic throats throughout the world, for both Pontiff and Dictator.

But by May of that year, the same old atheistic traits were again asserting themselves in Mussolini's personality. Interpreting the treaty in an entirely different manner than originally supposed, he shouted before the Senate: "We have buried the temporal power of the Popes, not resuscitated it."

Condemning the idea that "two sovereigns" were reigning at the same time on Italian soil, he continued: "One counts as the Vatican City, and one counts as the Kingdom of Italy, which is the Italian State. It must be under-

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stood that between the Italian State and the Vatican City there is a distance which can be measured in thousands of miles, even if it requires only five minutes to go and see this State and ten minutes to walk around its confines".

Speaking sarcastically of Christianity, he said: "This religion was born in Palestine but became Catholic in Rome. If it had been confined to Palestine it would in all probability never have been more than one of the numerous sects which flourished in that overheated environment, like that of the Essenes or the Therapentae. The chances are that it would have perished and left no trace."

A complete turn-about-face!

ON THE FOLLOWING DAY THE POPE, IN OBVIOUS RAGE, CALLED MUSSOLINI A "DEVIL".

Thus the Italian State and the Harlot Woman continued to see-saw back and forth.

On February 13, 1931, about two years later Mussolini was closeted with the Pope from 10:45 to 11:15 one of the longest interviews ever granted a visitor.

Perhaps the world will never know exactly what took place on that occasion, but the newspaper *Le Peuple* claimed to learn from an authoritative source that: "A painful silence reigned Finally Mussolini precipitated himself at the feet of the Pope and kissed the slipper humbly, at the same time giving himself great blows on the chest. With infinite bountifulness the Successor to Saint Peter raised his visitor and said to him:

"Repent, repent, my son. All is not yet lost for you."

"A few minutes later the Pope asked Mussolini what time it was. Mussolini went pale. He quickly caught the significance. He said:

"I have only a Swiss watch, but it is not the one I placed on the table at the time the police of His Majesty the King of Italy, Victor Emmanuel, did me the honor of tracking me down as my men now track down those who now think as I then did. The cheap nickel watch which I placed on the table in addressing an ultimatum to God was pawned by me when I was outlawed. In this connection I have to confess that I have failed to reimburse those comrades who aided me out of their pocketbooks in those regrettable times.

"But today I no longer deny God by according him five minutes in which to strike me dead as proof that He exists. I know now why I was not struck by lightning: the Church needed me."

Interviewing the Duce some time later, Emil Ludwig asked him whether or not he kissed the Pope's slipper. Mussolini replied:

"In general I do as the Romans do. That is to say, I accept the custom of the country where I am being entertained. At the Vatican I was left to follow my own bent."

More Than Romish Church

Although Rome has for centuries been the seat of those false religions

symbolized by the Babylon of the seventeenth chapter of Revelation, yet this Woman represents far more than Catholicism.

Ancient Babylon, the fountain-head of all apostate religious systems, is described as "the MOTHER of harlots."

Therefore, this depraved "Mother" has many illegitimate daughters scattered throughout the world. These will be brought together, in the end-time of the age, when the Roman Empire, symbolized by the Beast, is revived. The prophetic description of Revelation 17 forbids the assumption that the Romish Church alone is represented by the Woman.

The statement that "Rome never changes" is an absolute falsehood. Catholicism changes constantly. It will do anything to advance its interests.

In the West Indies the priests go through heathenish ceremonies with the natives in order to increase their grip upon the masses. In the Philippines they have erected a large crucifix of the "Black Christ" to appeal to the negro population. Similar strategy is used in all parts of the world where the Church holds sway.

Baxter predicted: "The Church of Rome, instead of relying on the favor of sovereigns and rulers, will make common cause with their subjects, and proffers zealous sympathy with the so-called *sovereign people* and their alleged wrongs. Catholicism will make a league with Internationalism, the Papacy will cooperate with the Proletariat, and Romanism will join hand and glove with Radicalism and Red Republicanism."

In other words, history shows that

the Church will break monarchs and governments when possible, but failing in this effort, will later bring about necessary compromises—always willing to do anything required, just so long as she is permitted to rule the consciences, the religious instincts, of the people.

Baxter continues: "She is destined to amalgamate a confused intermixture, as Babylon implies, of *all the false faiths and religions*, so as to comprehend them all in her ample bosom."

Great changes will soon take place in the Romish Church. Babylon will yield to the pressure of the Mussolinis, the Stalins and the Protestant apostates seeking shelter under her wings. Her borders will be broadened to make room for all the harlot daughters of the world. She will show herself willing to baptize Communism, Fascism, Socialism, Modernism, and all other "isms" if in so doing, she can remain safely on the back of the Scarlet Colored Beast of human government.

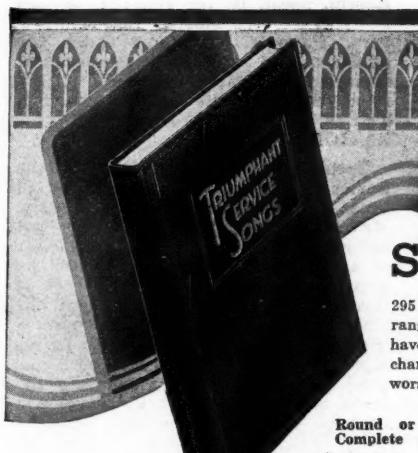
A WORLD CHURCH, THE "BRIDE OF THE ANTICHRIST," IS ON THE WAY.

Dr. Sale-Harrison says: "Men are seeking to unite the religions of the world under one head. By the uniting of world religions with her she will become the Mother of Harlots, and lead to the grossest apostasy, she being already apostate herself."

Sir Conan Doyle, the noted Spiritualist, said: "I can see a vision". Placing his hand to his head and closing his eyes, he continued: "I can see a great church forming, which will take in all sects from the Roman Catholic to the

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The Fate of the Woman

"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

"For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give

their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."

The ten-horned Beast represents the Socialistic dictatorship which is now in process of evolving out of the economic and political chaos of Europe. It corresponds to the jungle monstrosity of Daniel 7:7. One man Antichrist, possibly Mussolini, will preside over the revived Roman Empire.

The prophetic Scriptures make it clear that the Antichrist will be a Jew. Should it turn out that Mussolini is the prophesied Man of Destiny, it will later develop that the rumors concerning his alleged Jewish ancestry are true.

For a time, the coming Universal Church will ride the Beast. But the above Scripture indicates that Antichrist and his puppet dictators will eventually turn against the system and wipe it out of existence.

International demon-worship and wide-spread Atheism will then sweep the world during the period known as "the great tribulation."

Thus, we learn that the Antichrist will kill his Bride!

witted ex-corset salesman, ex-jailbird, big-shot Soviet official... I speculated on the career of this amazing Polish Jew.... Sentenced to five years in Siberia but escaped... member of a band of highway robbers in the Caucasus which included Joseph Stalin... wormed his way out of Czarist Russia after his band had bombed and blown to bits an imperial convoy and many innocent bystanders....

"This Foreign Office is literally foreign, in that there is not one single Russian Slav in a position of authority. FROM LITVINOFF DOWN THROUGH HIS STAFF, ALL ARE JEWS.

"I have no doubt that the Russians will some day revert to type and precedent, and ungratefully throw the Jews out of the authoritative positions they occupy throughout the entire Soviet governmental structure. I ran across the symptoms of returning anti-Semitism in many places in Russia.

"But seventy-five per cent of the men who made the Russian Revolution were Jews; Jewish minds do the quick thinking in Soviet Russia today and in the Communist Party the world over—and Litvinov & Co., Great Lubyanka Street, Moscow, is the main office of a system of political chain stores which girdle the globe."

One full-page picture in *I Photograph Russia* shows enormous decorations in the Red Square of Moscow, near Lenin's tomb. A parade was soon to be staged. Across the thoroughfare there is a large banner and on it may be seen the SIX-POINTED JEWISH STAR.

A Tragic Hoax

Mr. Abbe tears away the mask from the whole filthy farce and shows the absolute deception which the criminal ruling classes of Moscow are practicing: "A member of an embassy staff had also told me that the entire Press Censorship staff of the Foreign Office had been selected by Comrade Litvinoff from the most skillful liars in the government service."

When a certain photographer, employed by the government, complained about being compelled to fake so many pictures, Mr. Abbe asked him why he didn't get a new job. And this was the pathetic reply: "If I simply quit here, they wouldn't try to get me back—they'd merely take up my food card, my

"I Photograph Russia"

JAMES E. ABBE, a successful newspaper photographer, was sent to Soviet Russia by the *New York Times* to secure photographs for publication.

Because of the rigid censorship of the government against the taking of pictures, the assignment proved to be the most difficult venture of his life. One thing is certain—the Moscow dictatorship does not want the rest of the world to see photographs of actual conditions in the Country.

Mr. Abbe says: "Even with an official photo permit, there is a long list of forbidden subjects. The very bridge before me was taboo, presumably because bridges are vulnerable in warfare or counter-revolution. Railway stations, trains, tracks, breadlines, meatlines, any sort of queue for food, fun or foolishness, accidents, streetcars, automobiles, airplanes, all are taboo; the world might jump to the conclusion that Proletarian dictatorship is not efficient. Banquet photos are also prohibited; it would never do for starving peasants to run across a shot of Bolshevik officialdom getting a square meal."

That Mr. Abbe was able to outwit the police on many occasions, is indicated by the large number of pictures reproduced in his new book *I Photograph Russia*. He even gained admission to the Kremlin and succeeded in getting Stalin to pose.

Mr. Abbe makes it clear that the secret of Moscow's power over the masses is due to the terroristic methods used by the GPU:

"The GPU, sometimes known in news dispatches as OGPU, is an outgrowth of the old Red Cheka. The name is

pronounced *Gay Pay Oo*—but pronounced softly and discreetly! No native, and no foreigner who knows his stuff, would dare utter these three magic syllables save with bated breath."

The description of Mr. Abbe's own arrest is sufficient to send a chill over every reader.

Jewish Control

Mr. Abbe has no hesitation in discussing the Jewish character of Communism. This is more than can be said for some writers who, upon returning from Russia, speak of the relation of the Jews to the Red Menace only in whispers. Page 35: "I would watch the guests at the hotel. Sixty per cent of them American Jews of Russian origin or descent, here (in Moscow) TO SEE THEIR RACE RULE A NEW CIVILIZATION."

Speaking of Padolski, one of the Soviet authorities who helps censor all press dispatches coming out of Russia, Mr. Abbe says: "Padolski always sat behind his big flat desk with the air of a scholarly monk. Which in fact he was, although a Jew and the father of three gorgeous children. Without one single hair upon his head, he wears a beard that is positively tropical; he reminded me of an hourglass with the sand drained from the upper into the lower section. If you should develop a case of anti-Semitism upon learning that, from Maxim Litvinoff down to the lowest subordinate official of the Soviet Union's Foreign Office, every man who helped to form this powerful connecting link with other nations is a Jew, you had better study Comrade Padolski before promoting a pogrom."

Referring again to the Foreign Department of the government, the Author speaks of Litvinoff as a "keen-

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friends would be afraid to give me food, and I'd starve to death."

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The Author's description of the suffering and starvation of the poor and peasant classes is such as to melt one to tears. It must be borne in mind that the dictatorship deliberately *plans* these conditions in order to keep the people so weak and helpless that they cannot revolt against their Jewish rulers.

"Cats are practically unknown in the part of Russia that I saw," says Mr. Abbe. "I presume they were mistaken for rabbits and eaten," he concludes ironically.

He gives instances where crops have been deliberately destroyed and the soil allowed to grow up in weeds, in order to increase hunger, famine and starvation.

Evading "Intourist Guides", who are in reality secret detectives, Mr. Abbe boarded a train out of Moscow for the Ukraine—the territory which used to be known as the "granary of the world" prior to the coming of Jewish-Communism. The peasants with whom he traveled tried to make it appear that conditions were "not so bad" in spite of the fact that they were starving.

"But next morning one of the peasants took me aside and explained their seeming enthusiasm for the dictatorship of the Proletariat," says the writer. "He told me in whispers that one ostensible peasant was a GPU and they had to be careful. Then he proceeded to give me the low-down on conditions in the Ukraine, in Moscow and in the USSR in general. *In their village the people had been dying off like rats in a trap for want of food.* The men who resisted collectivized farming had been shipped off to Siberia and to FORCED LABOR CAMPS all over the Union; those who escaped collectivization were underfed, treated like cattle, except as he put it:

"The cattle come first because they are better to eat than peasants."

"What do you expect to do when you get back to your village? How do you expect to live?"

"We don't expect to live!" he said fantastically, "we expect to starve to death."

"But," I argued, "populations never completely disappear. Some of you, your children maybe, will survive. Won't the survivors, maybe fifty years from now, become accustomed to Socialism?"

"My pessimistic friend shrugged his shoulders: 'One might as well work for the landlords as for the Communists or the GPU. We used to have more to eat in the old days.'"

Chapter 15 of *I Photograph Russia* is devoted entirely to a discussion of the sumptuous banquets and choicest foods, eaten by the rulers while millions of their subjects are forced to eat dogs and cats, weeds and grass, and practice cannibalism.

Smirdovitch

The chapter on "Religion in Russia" should be read by every professing Christian in the United States. A

study of conditions under atheistic rule will cause believers to thank God for the religious liberty which Americans enjoy.

"Religious funerals are prohibited on the streets", says the author. In remote regions, beyond the reach of propaganda, peasants mourn their dead and rest their bodies in paper-covered coffins."

If one can imagine a Department of Atheism in the Cabinet of the President of the United States, he will have some idea of the position occupied by Comrade Smirdovitch in the Soviet government. Mr. Abbe calls him the "atheist-Jewish Red Pope". His official duty is to stamp religion out of Russia.

The most ingenious schemes have been invented for destroying Christians and Christianity. Smirdovitch is satisfied that the very names of God, Christ, and the Bible will be eventually wiped out, not only in Russia but throughout the world.

Truly, *I Photograph Russia* is a frank and authentic book; it gives the reader an intimate knowledge of actual conditions in spite of the efforts of the leaders to keep the truth from being known outside the borders of the Country.

Taken as a whole, it is one of the most readable, versatile and dependable accounts yet written on the Russian situation.

"Father Divine" - A False Christ

By Dr. Louis R. Patmont, Berkeley, Calif.

THE appearance of false christs in the end time was repeatedly prophesied by our Lord.

In Luke 21:8 we read: "And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them."

Among the many unmistakable signs of the times pointing to the soon coming of Christ which have been observed in recent years by students of the prophetic Word, is the almost phenomenal appearance of a so-called "Messiah Jesus Divine," otherwise known as "Father Divine of Heaven," and "Lord God Jehovah Immanuel of the Universe."

Among the various other names of this new "god" we find the more prosaic "George Baker of Georgia," "Joe Baker of Alabama," and "Major J. Divine of Providence, R. I." This negro lives in Harlem, the center of New York's teeming darktown.

Some newspaper men say that he has a following of some 20,000,000. Others say that this number is grossly overestimated. "Father Divine's" own publications sometimes claim 25,000,000 adherents, although they readily admit that there are no records on which to base this statement.

Strange Religious Notions

The incredible thing is that many of his followers are white people who believe, along with ignorant negroes, that "Father Divine is God, Jesus Christ in the flesh, back with us again after 1900 years." These people believe that to them there is no death, and most certainly no life beyond the grave.

Their theology is a conglomerate mixture of Unity, Christian Science and African superstitions. The Bible is

quoted at random and used to bolster these false teachings. No systematic study of the Word is made.

Father Divine's "messages" are preceded by the salutation, "Peace, everybody, good health, good wealth, and a good appetite!" His whole theology can be summed up in his own words, "allow yourself to be governed by your highest intuition," and "sacrifice your whole heart, soul, mind, body, as a living sacrifice to the Almighty" (Father Divine).

As a reward he promises a "quicken-
ing of consciousness, freedom from
disease and death, plenty of food and
happiness." *Kingdom Headquarters* in
Harlem and *Kingdom Extensions* elsewhere
are often mere eating places
where prices are remarkably low. Pros-
pective converts and workers are fed
free of charge if need be.

Much has been said about the un-
limited financial resources which are
at Divine's disposal. No doubt many
of his dupes who have surrendered
their all to him have also given him
their money. An "angel" is one who
has cashed in his life insurance policies
and his bank account and has dedicated
all that he has to "the Lord—Father
Divine."

However, there is also the possibility
that he is being subsidized by some
mysterious subversive interest. On the
whole, one cannot help but recognize
that this "Divine Kingdom" is a mere
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superstitious nature of negroes, but also the credulity of weak whites.

Supports Communism

In spite of the fact that this movement is regarded as a religion, "Father Divine" is decidedly Communistic in his sympathies. In Communist "peace demonstrations" he has never hesitated to raise a defiant fist toward heaven in favor of radical labor movements. His followers frequently form a separate division of Red parades.

The source of prestige and support given to Father Divine is indicated in an article which appeared in the Communist *Daily Worker* on January 16, 1936, which states that "Father Divine has declared his faith in the Labor Party," and that "he is giving his support to Communists in their peace program."

Alert patriots suspect that both of these diabolical movements are inspired by the same conspiring sponsors, and that the Divine movement may be a desperate effort on the part of the Reds to break up Protestantism.

A headline in *The Spoken Word* of September 14, 1935, official organ of Divine's strange cult, states: "New York Judge Praises Father Divine." To quote: "Judge Samuel D. Levy (a Jew who occupied the judge's bench during unsuccessful attempts to convict Divine recently), by appointment, succeeded in obtaining an interview with Father in His Private Office today. After the interview Judge Levy accompanied Father to the dining room, where thousands greeted Father, with great joy. The judge was extended the great honor and courtesy of being seated in Father's Chair, and he, upon invitation of Father, readily made an interesting short talk.

"He paid glowing tributes to Father, and stated it was a great privilege to have met Father, and to have talked with Him, and now to know Him, as he does. He advised the Followers to follow the Precepts of Father, and if they did, they would always be happy and blessed."

This and similar reports of official honors accorded this Harlem negro, are a strong indication of the sources from which he derives his support.

Divine is actively engaged in a campaign to "free the Scottsboro boys," a group of negro hoodlums under sentence of death for attacking a white girl, and claims to have "the power to stop the juice from flowing through the electric wires and let it rebound on those who press the button. I dare you. THANK YOU FATHER". This statement appeared on a Father Divine leaflet which was circulated recently in Los Angeles County, California, by his followers and Communists alike.

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Blasphemy

Among some of his demands are "that a law be passed supplanting the word 'Hello' with 'Peace' as the standard greeting of telephone operators."

One of his conventions passed a resolution which says "make physicians guarantee cures; abolish tariffs, effect government operation of financial institutions; prohibit vaccination; compel the government to operate idle factories; prohibit the use of words which draw the line on races," and other Socialistic measures.

Marriage relationships do not figure in the Divine cult. No wedding ceremonies are performed in the Harlem "heaven". The "faithful" are brothers and sisters, and racial lines are disregarded, although one can find a "heaven" in New York City which is exclusively for whites.

Divine's relationship to his wife is supposed to be on a strictly platonic basis.

The cult thrives on blasphemy. Divine's periodicals refer to him as the "Rock of Salvation"; they claim without shame, "God is Father Divine—Father Divine is God"; "Father Divine—The Christ," etc.

One statement reads: "After a day and a night spent at the Estate He recently purchased in the land of the Catskills in upper New York, Father returned to His New York City Headquarters, Wednesday, August 7th, with Mother and part of His Staff. Here the ever-present multitude awaited His Personal return, and at the sight of the Beloved Personal Body of their Saviour, shouted with joy."

Other reports from *The Spoken Word* are as follows: "Father Divine gave His children a rare treat Sunday, Sept. 8th. He permitted numbers of them to spend the day with Him at His New Paltz estate. They were following the Lamb with whom He went, just as they must needs follow Him in all His Ways; but the way was not hard nor toilsome but joyous beyond expression, for He was with them."

"The climax of the morning's beautiful adventure came when the hill was mounted. There Mother Divine awaited them, and seeing the coming of the Lord, she flung out her arms and exclaimed, 'Truly, Father Divine is God!' Father caught her hands and danced about with her to the ecstatic delight of all the children."

"An afternoon and a midnight banquet were served, and at both, Father poured out His Wonderful Words of wisdom and tender counsel. It was somewhere around 2:00 A. M. when Father looking at His watch, remarked that it would be morning when the children got back to New York. But it was evident that nobody cared; for Father has brought them into that state of consciousness where there is

no time—only one Eternal Day."

Prophecy Literally Fulfilled

Members of the Divine cult testify to the hypnotic influence of their "god". "Brother" Paul Christian says, "Father Divine heals the sick, raises the dead, feeds the hungry, opens the eyes of the blind and makes people happy. I'll tell you about being hypnotized. If I am hypnotized don't wake me, I'm too happy."

Such testimonies even if true should not surprise students of prophecy, since our Lord himself warns us, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect (Matthew 24:24)."

Another blasphemy states: "We who love Father Divine recognize and feel Him in—of—and in Actuality, this concreted Spiritual Substance, and the Essence and quality of that Substance is Love. God Almighty, Father Divine, is the Great Creator, because He not alone has the Power to create this Almighty Love which is Revolutionizing the whole round World, but He has all Power and Authority to create from this Substance things that exist in the Spiritual world as well as in this; and that is why Father Divine, is just as operative with or without a personal Embodiment—because He is at all times in all places, and every where, Eternally, Infinite, Intelligent, Spirit Substance, from which everything emanates, and comes into Being at His Command."

"Thus, as in the Beginning, He Materializes the Spiritual and Spiritualizes the Material. It is Father Divine's great world Mission, of Redemption and Salvation, a Cosmic impulsion of such significant importance to mankind and the world in general, that not anyone can afford at this time to ignore the Great and Almighty Presence of Father Divine."

Truly the great apostasy is upon us. The time is at hand when I Timothy 4:1-3 and II Timothy 3:1-6; also 4:3 and 4, are literally being fulfilled.

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"Heaven Inc.", appearing in the January, 1936, issue of the *American Magazine*, tells of an interview with the "Angel Gabriel."

Mr. Kelley writes: "Gabriel, a bulky man with fine, white hair, was dressed in what appeared to be a costly gray suit. He was standing in front of the pink brick heaven with green window trimmings, his face turned rapturously up to a loud-speaker. From it came Father's throaty voice, originating from a microphone above his top-floor desk. He frequently switches in upon his children with words of righteousness and truth."

"Isn't it wonderful?" said Gabriel. "Lord God Almighty is up there, sitting at his desk. Father Divine is God."

"My name is Barr," he went on. "I was born in Ohio and came from Los Angeles, after preaching Pentecost for thirty years. I went to see Father Divine and saw that he was translucent. I could see objects clear through him. I could see the scars of the thorns upon his brow, brother. I asked him for a new name. He told me to use my highest intuition. I did, brother, and it came to me that my name was Gabriel. I'll never die. I'll stay right here in Harlem for ever and ever!"

Noted Negro Preacher Exposes Divine

Few negro preachers have been bold enough to refute the extravagant claims of Father Divine, because of the widespread superstition that anyone who opposes him must die. One exception is Elder Michaux of the Washington, D. C., Church of God. Elder Michaux has not only challenged and denounced Father Divine as a fake and racketeer, but has gone into his territory and produced actual proof which debunks the claims to miraculous powers which are supposed to be vested in this false god.

Some time ago it was reported that a certain blind New York negress had received her sight through Father Divine. Elder Michaux went to this woman's home to obtain a personal testimony. The woman claimed that she could "see as well as anybody", but tests applied by Elder Michaux proved that she lied, for she was still as blind as ever.

There are scores of "Kingdom Extensions" throughout North America, where the worshippers of this god of the godless congregate. In Los Angeles a white man named Oran Cramer, a former lingerie salesman, is the manager of "Father Divine's Kingdom Extension." He shares honors with a colored man, Samuel Reuben Alexander.

Because this Peace Mission is conducted as an eating place, many people flock there to be fed. It is claimed that approximately 1,000 persons are fed free of charge every month. Here the races mix and mingle food with fervor.

"I had heart trouble when I came here," Cramer claimed, "and I tried in vain through the use of digitalis to overcome it, but not until I accepted the teachings of Father Divine was I cured. I looked into the work Father Divine was doing and I am heartfelt in my interest in it."

Gluttony

All of Divine's heavens reserve one

vacant chair at their public feasts. This chair, according to his followers, is to accommodate "the spirit of Father Divine." The walls are decorated with legends corresponding to those used in the poorer American missions.

Other placards read: "Peace, Thank you Father." One declares: "Peace! Father Divine is the ruler of the whole world. He has the world in a jug and the stopper in his hand. Thank you, Father!" Banners carrying such inscriptions are being used in their parades.

Exhortations in public meetings are brief. They last about ten minutes. These are followed by group chanting and swaying of the body. They close abruptly when someone shouts "Peace"!

Even children who are just learning to walk emulate the chanting and swaying and handclapping of their parents. The old people imagine that they have become young again. They insist that new teeth are coming in, but can display only toothless gums. The peculiar demonstrations and contortions are directed by young women, and are joined in wholeheartedly by new curiosity seekers. The meetings seem to be under a spell of demon power.

At Divine's headquarters in Harlem the tables are spread every morning at 11 o'clock. These feasts usually last until four o'clock in the afternoon. The meetings which start at 11 P. M. continue throughout most of the night. "Ministering angels" are quartered in the dormitories.

Banquet halls are decorated with green, the official color of the cult. Even in the absence of Negro Divine, much time is given to the confession of sex sins. The worshippers address themselves to the vacant chair at the head of the table. Every talk ends with "It is truly wonderful, I thank you, Father."

Divine delivers two messages each

day after he has freely partaken of the food set before him. His audiences at once become "inspired" and moan and shout. The fact that their god uses abominable English and often speaks unintelligibly does not concern them. They believe that the resources of Father Divine are unlimited; investigation has disclosed, however, that his wealth is not nearly as fabulous as has been supposed.

Beware of False Christs

Radicals have included the Father Divine movement in their *united front* against the Church of Christ. There can be no question about the constant growth of this new religion of blasphemy. These are perilous times. All true believers must take a militant part in exposing this diabolic attempt to divide and destroy their ranks.

May King, a Salvation Army worker, in reporting a Los Angeles Father Divine meeting, states: "They sang, 'Father Divine is the light of the world,' 'There is power, power, power, in the name of Father Divine,' 'Take all your troubles to Father Divine, and pray, pray, pray.' Then the chorus, 'I love Father (so do I), I love Father, He's my Saviour, Father smiles and loves me too.' In their testimonies they declared: 'Thank you, Father, for what you have done for me. I had no peace until I met you. No joy in our home until you came into it by your spirit. I was sick, and you healed me, Father. You are the one we have looked for since you said you would come back, 1900 years ago. You have fulfilled your word. You have come and you walk amongst us now, and your kingdom is spreading over the whole earth'."

These people, this reporter writes, were white with one possible exception. Among them was a doctor who spoke of his long search for God, which culminated in his discovery of Father Di-

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vine. Some insisted that "Father" comes to them in spirit at night and talks to them, or else speaks to them at the banquet table. All worry has left them, and they are now "Father's deathless followers."

When this worker exhibited her Bible, she was told, "That's a pretty little book. God did not even know it was written. You look for one to come from the sky. He isn't up there, and anyway it's wet up there."

Feeling that she should not leave the meeting without giving her testimony, this lady rose to her feet and said: "I would feel like a traitor to the Lord Jesus Christ if I wouldn't testify for Him now."

When she finished, they said, "Amen, that's the same Father Divine you've been told about."

Our Lord distinctly prohibits believers to go after false Christs. Many who have sought to satisfy their curiosity have fallen into the Devil's trap. It is dangerous to expose oneself to this Satanic influence.

God of the Godless

There is a difference of opinion as to the source of this man's power. Some point out that there is a mass of evidence to show the presence of a mysterious demon occultism which can also be found in other parts of the world.

Others claim that Father Divine's power is due altogether to his magnetic personality, and that he is merely promoting a lucrative business. In either case, one is confronted by a spiritual wickedness and evil influence. Divine's followers claim that "his deity was first recognized when a great light shone around the table during an early public banquet." Henceforth they worshipped him as God.

However, there are so many unfounded stories that it is difficult to distinguish between the truth and mere fables. Divine sees to it that his past remains very much in the dark. No two photographs of him look alike. He secludes himself in his new five story brick building on 115th Street, Harlem, and emerges only during banquets, parades and excursions when he is acclaimed as "God and Christ" by his followers.

The Divine movement is spreading into many countries throughout the world. Father Divine's every utterance is a blasphemy against Almighty God. The appearance of this god of the godless presents a solemn warning to Christians that the time of the Lord's preparation is at hand, that prophecy is being fulfilled, and that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming soon to "take vengeance on them that know not God."

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The Black Pope

By Rev. Stefano L. Testa, Brooklyn, New York.

THE Black Pope is commonly known to be the General of the Jesuits. He is called "Black" to distinguish him from the White Pope who is the reigning Pontiff.

He resides in Rome, but never appears in public, nor is ever seen conversing with the Pope. But he is "the power behind the throne", for he usually dictates the policies of the Church, and the Pope usually obeys the suggestions of the Black Pope, or he assumes great risks if he does not.

This does not mean that there have not been Popes who have asserted their independence and acted even contrary to the policies of the Jesuits, but they assumed great personal risks, and at least one of them was murdered (see last part of this article).

This leads me to write on the "Jesuits". It is a very difficult task. Only a Jesuit can write about Jesuitism, and not every Jesuit either, for the rank and file of the "Brothers" are simply automatons in the hands of their superiors:

Theirs is not to reason why,
Theirs is but to do and die.

Therefore only the few superiors know all the tricks and workings of Jesuitism, and they will not write for publication, for the Jesuit order is the most secret society in existence. What I propose to do, in this short article, is simply to relate what is common knowledge about that dark organization—knowledge which any intelligent man can gather from history and by consulting books on the subject in any public library.

The Jesuits "are dreaded by many, are hated by as many others and are admired by as many more. That order has produced men of towering intellects and men of unbounded self-denial. For a time they were the master spirits of the world, conquerors of sciences and of the consciences of kings and Popes. Then they were hurled from power, disgraced, condemned and expelled from one country after another, only to come back later and be restored to their former power and prestige and become even more intrenched."

The Founder of the Jesuits

The founder of the Jesuits was Ignatius de Loyola of Spain. He was born the thirteenth child of Beltram Loyola in 1491, just one year before the discovery of America by Columbus. At 29 years of age he was an officer in the Spanish army and in the war with France he was wounded.

While recovering in the hospital he read the life of Christ and was converted to religion. He took his religion seriously, for he yielded his life to God on the altar of the Church of Our Lady of Monserrat. He hung his sword on the side wall of the altar and walked out of the sanctuary a new man, determined to use only spiritual weapons in the service of God and the Church. He gave himself to prayer, meditation

and penance. Then he began to study, for at 39 he had not studied grammar.

At first he was looked upon with suspicion by the Spanish Inquisition for they thought him one of the heretical *Illuminati*, and he had to flee to France. No one could have dreamed at that time that Loyola would become in the near future one of the most powerful promoters of the Inquisition.

Loyola founded the "Society of Jesus" (S.O.J.) When you see these three letters after the name of a priest you will know that he is a Jesuit. As far as I know only Jesuit priests in this Country parade those three letters after their name, for in Italy and other Catholic countries, the word "Jesuit" has an odious meaning and Jesuits are afraid to be known as such.

The Order was approved by Pope Paul III on September 27, 1540 and there were only ten persons in the original Society. They obligated themselves that they would "go without remuneration to whatever part of the world it should please the Pope to send them". They are under this law to this day.

Ignatius became the first General. He did not want the office, but was compelled to take it.

No woman is admitted to this order. There were three women admitted at first; but Ignatius said that one woman gave him more trouble than all the "Brothers" put together. So they organized the "Nuns of the Sacred Heart" which is completely under the control of the Jesuits.

Their Motto

The motto adopted from the beginning is "Ad Majorem Gloriam Dei".—To the greater glory of God. This motto is inscribed at the door of every Jesuit church or school.

Learning is the aim and ambition of every Jesuit. They are so regarded to this day. They found schools and get as pupils the sons of the aristocracy, even if the fathers are atheists, indifferent to religion or even Protestants.

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mind and soul, under the will and command of the General. He is "hanc cadaver" like a corpse. He has no mind of his own, for he renounced the right to think independently when he took his vows.

Every Jesuit has a confessor assigned to him by his superior. This confessor has to report to the superior all the secrets received in the confession before he can grant absolution. So every member of the Order is under constant surveillance. It is sometimes called "the Society of Sacred Detectives".

To Fight Protestantism

The Jesuit Order was organized to fight Protestantism; to extirpate heresy and heretics.

(1) Schools are the most powerful instruments of the Jesuits. They attract nobles and princes, people in the higher walks of life. For a time they alone trained all the future rulers of Europe. Many fathers who are free-thinkers, yea, even many Protestants allow their children to be educated in the Jesuit schools, where they are trained to fight Protestants and laugh at the religion of their fathers.

(2) The rule of conduct commonly ascribed to the Jesuits is that "the end justifies the means", although it is fair to say that this maxim is not found in any of their official writings. But it must be one of their unwritten laws, for many crimes attributed to them including the "Gunpowder Plot" when they attempted to blow up the English Parliament in 1604, and regicides perpetrated with the intent that the Roman Catholic Church might receive advantage, shows the working of this lawless ideal.

(3) *The Spies of the Jesuits:* They are the "Brothers" of the 5th Order, who support the Society of Jesus with their money and with their power, and report all the affairs of the world to the followers of Ignatius. He might be a prominent politician, a cabinet officer, your pastor, a servant in the family, your porter or your chauffeur. They are every where and work under every conceivable guise.

Suppression of the Jesuits

The Jesuits were expelled from Portugal in 1759, from France in 1762, from Spain in 1767-68, from Russia in 1820. They were suppressed and outlawed by Pope Clement XIV with a Bull issued in July 21, 1773, "for crimes against civilization" saying, "Out of mature deliberation, out of our certain knowledge and plenitude of power, we do extinguish and suppress the often mentioned Society".

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enough to act according to his conscience.

Some time after the edict of suppression, a card was tacked on the door of the Pope's room with these four enigmatic letters: *I. S. S. V.* which meant in Italian: "*In Settembre Sede Vacante*", (In September the Papal Seat will be Vacant). He was poisoned by a wafer administered to him by the hand of a Jesuit and died in September 22, 1774. Upon the Order of the Jesuits that crime rests with a withering curse and indelible infamy.

This is how a historian describes the death of Ganganelli, Pope Clement XIV:

"Immediately after death, the body of Clement turned black; the muscles of the spine were detached and decomposed; the removal of the Pontifical robes from the dead body brought away a great portion of the skin; the hair of his head remained on the pillow where he rested, and with trifling friction the finger nails fell off. Ganganelli was in perfect health before the suppression of the Jesuits." (*The Papal System*, by William Cathcart).

Note: When the order of the Jesuits was suppressed by Pope Clement XIV in 1773 the Society had 41 provinces, 22,589 members, (of whom 11,295 were priests) 669 colleges, 176 seminaries, 61 houses for novices, 273 missions in foreign countries, 335 residences, and the controlling influence over 80 theological faculties. The General, Lorenzo Ricci, was imprisoned in Castel S. Angelo where he died in 1775.

Note 2: Pope Pius VII restored the Order of the Jesuits in August 7, 1814 in a Bull, *Sollicitudo omnium ecclesiarum* and opened to them the Church of Gesu in Rome, which they still have.

Although I have not made complete research on the present status of the Jesuit Order, for it is doubtful whether the true figures are available, still I believe the Jesuits, with a little change in strategy and tactics, exercise even greater influence in world affairs to-day than they did in ancient times.

THE COMMUNIST *Daily Worker* reports that plans are being made to transfer 100,000 to 250,000 Jews from Germany to Palestine. Arrangements are reported to be under the direction of three noted English Jews, Herbert Samuel, Viscount Bearsted and Simon Marks. Such a transfer of population would greatly intensify Communist activity in the Holy Land.

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Christ and Archaeology

By Dr. J. O. Kinnaman, Professor Religious Education, Martin College.

LESS than fifty years ago the higher critics affirmed that no authentic record existed concerning the Character set forth in the New Testament as Jesus, since they refused to accept the Gospels as authentic.

They further affirmed that as close as we could get to Him historically was three hundred years. Over thirty-two years ago, as the head of a publishing Company, I published, at the author's expense, a book entitled, "Jesus, A Myth". The author took as his thesis that Jesus was the re-vamped Osiris, or another version of Apollo, and other Sun gods.

The theory was advanced that there would have been a great library of such theses if they could all have been collected in one place. The sad part of the whole matter was that scholars favorable to the authenticity of the New Testament could not substantiate their position by proofs, that would be accepted by the so-called scientific world.

But how different is the situation today! I have lived through both periods, and it is a great pleasure to know that at the present time the tables are completely turned, and the history of the Person called Jesus the Christ is now as authentic from documentary evidence (archaeological) as that of any of the great characters of profane history.

Date of Christ's Birth

It is our purpose to trace the evidence which has placed Jesus in the list of authentic historical characters, and removed Him scientifically from the list of mythological personalities. Archaeology is the hand-maiden that has made this possible.

We shall now have something to say about two dates, the real birthday of

Jesus, and the date of his death upon the cross.

Constantine the Great became Emperor of the Roman Empire in the early part of the fourth century. After the battle Saxa Rubra, Christianity was declared the State Religion. Then Constantine's mother requested of her son that she be allowed to go to Palestine and identify several "holy sites".

The first site that she, to her satisfaction, identified was the cave in which Jesus was born. This she located in Bethlehem of Judea. She erected a church over the cave. Today the church of the Nativity stands there. It, of course, is not the one erected by Helena, but its successor.

The Christian world has become accustomed to celebrate December 25th as the birthday of Jesus; but this is not the real date. For several centuries immediately following Jesus' life upon the earth, there were four different dates celebrated by the churches.

About the fourth century the churches, in conclave, agreed to keep December 25th as the date, fully conscious that they had settled upon the old Roman Saturnalia, a feast of immemorial origin. Among the dates celebrated was October 4th, and this has proven to be the correct date. Of course, Jesus was not born in the year I, A.D. as would be inferred from our present calendar, but B.C. as the calendar stands today.

According to the New Testament Jesus was born in the reign of the Emperor Augustus, and in the year that the Roman ruler had decreed a general census of the Empire. This census had a threefold purpose: (1) to create a new tax roll, (2) to obtain a census of the man-power of the Empire, (3) to get an estimate of all its material resources.

This decree called for all people who were subject to "mishpat" to return to their native village in order to make the tax rolls. Mary and Joseph were both native to Bethlehem, and had inherited property there; therefore, they both had to return to that place according to law, then proceed to Jerusalem for the general census.

The date of this census by archaeological documents has been established at 4 B.C. as our calendar now stands. In 1913 several astounding monuments were found at Antioch. They supplemented each other, and referred to and

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For some years it seemed that we must place the birth of our Savior circa 9 B.C. but the monument at Antioch has now established the date of the second Proconsulship of Quirinius as 6-4 B.C., this being the date of the General Census.

We would have to be content with the variation of those two years had not the Great Pyramid at Gizeh come to the rescue with its testimony. Putting the two in conjunction, we arrive at the true date of the birth of Jesus, without entering into a long technical discussion we can set the date as October 4th, 2:50 A.M. 4 B.C. as our calendar now stands.

With this date established, we are able to more intelligently interpret certain passages of the New Testament.

Date of Christ's Life

Now let us see if we can establish another date in the life of Jesus through archaeological evidence.

As far as the Gospels are concerned, there is a lacuna of eighteen years in the life of the Nazarene; from His twelfth year until He appears on the banks of the Jordan to be baptized by John. We shall not enter into the discussion of those years, but allow me to state a great deal is now known concerning them.

Jesus was born in the tribe of Judah, and therefore not officially a priest according to the Law. But He could legally become one if He so desired observing certain requirements. The two major requirements were that He should be past His thirtieth birthday, and be baptized as a symbol of passing from His old tribe to His new or adopted one—the tribe of Levi (theoretically).

The Feast of the Tabernacles occurred in October. In the thirtieth year of His life Jesus attended this festival in Jerusalem, and on His way home to Nazareth to visit His mother and family, He stopped upon hearing about His cousin's preaching and was baptized by the Baptist.

We must resort to the Catacombs at Rome in order to obtain a definite impression of our Savior. There, mural paintings have been very recently dis-

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M	Man of Sin
U	Unclean Spirit
S	Son of Perdition
S	Spoiler. Crooked Serpent
O	ONE. Cruel One. Wicked One
L	Little Horn
I	Israel's Profane & Wicked Prince
N	National Destroyer. His Own Name
I	Idol Shepherd

MUSSOLINI'S TITLE

V	Vile Person
V	Vine of the Earth
I	Iniquity, Mystery of
L	Lawless One
D	Destroyer of the Gentiles
U	Usurper
C	Cruel One. King of Fierce Countenance
E	Evil Man

covered, and the account of them will not yet be found in published form.

So exact is one of these paintings, and so true, that it has been tentatively possible to identify the spot upon the banks of the Jordan. Archaeologists have gone so far as to believe that the artist had been an eye-witness to the scene which he portrayed. The writer has a lantern slide of the painting, and one of the tentatively identified spot, and it is very difficult to tell them from one another.

This painting represents John as pouring water upon the head of Jesus out of the palm of his right hand. I am not entering upon a discussion of the mode of baptism, I am just setting forth artifacts as found.

We cannot give closer date for the baptism than October, 27 A.D., the year after Pontius Pilate became Governor of Palestine.

Christ Mentioned in Talmud

There is an idea that the Jews have no record of Jesus, or His life.

This is a mistake, but one that the Jews have never been very energetic in correcting. However, it remains that they do have such record, and that record is to be found in the Talmud.

The Jewish Talmud is a work larger than the Encyclopaedia Britannica. It has been kept in mystery and somewhat inaccessible to European scholars; but today every part is known to these same savants. Jesus is often found mentioned in the Talmud. The references have been set forth by scholars in detail.

However, with the exception of twice, He is not mentioned by name, but there is no mistaking to whom the references are made. The work of Jesus is not denied, but it is claimed that He learned witchcraft in Egypt. Even several of the disciples are mentioned by name, and the Gospel called *avengil*, meaning black paper, rather than *evangel*, good news.

Finding the Cup

Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Passover in the upper room; then Jesus inaugurated a new ritual—the Last Supper. When this part of the evening was reached, Judas had left the house and was on his way to the Jewish officials. How all Christians revere that ritual! And the early Christian held it in deepest reverence.

There was always a tradition that somewhere in the world, the cup that Jesus blessed that night, existed. How we have longed that our eyes might behold that cup! Little did archaeologists dream the spade might bring it to light.

I am perfectly aware that this subject is still a matter of dispute, or difference of opinion among scholars, but the onus of the proof must lie with the negative. Such a cup was found together with its containing chalice. Whether the cup and the chalice are exactly of the same age, i.e. that the chalice was with the cup when Jesus used it that historical night, or that the chalice was later made and the cup deposited in it, is a matter for further study.

It seems to be the consensus that

the container is of later date, perhaps twenty years after the death of Jesus. This is a matter for the specialist or the silver-smith to decide. The cup itself is made from a sheet of silver; the chalice from the same material. The rim of the cup has had several slivers cut from it by means of some sharp instrument. Is this the relic of the souvenir hunter?

Did several of the disciples cut these slivers from the cup for the purpose of treasuring them in remembrance of that great night? It seems to the writer more than probable that such was the case.

How did the cup find its way to Antioch? It is possible that Peter carried it with him when he fled from Jerusalem. It undoubtedly rested in his care, and he left it in Antioch when he went to Rome.

In addition to the cup we have the Roman record concerning the "clerk" of the church who refused to reveal the hiding place of the cup, and the Romans put him to torture, and finally to death, but failed to make the martyr reveal its location. Nearly 2,000 years later it was found embedded in its matrix.

The Chalice of Antioch is one of the finest specimens of the art of the ancient silver-smith known. The figures on it are so moulded that it is not difficult to recognize the majority of them. One figure would not coincide with the ideas that the majority of people have in regard to the appearance of Jesus. Other sources of information had to be brought to bear upon

the subject. Two of these sources were found in Italy.

A Remarkable Cloth

The artifact in the cathedral of Turin is a web, or cloth of fine linen about thirteen feet long by about forty-eight inches wide. It is brown in color, somewhat the shade of parchment. It has been burned at one corner, yet the rest of the cloth shows no signs of scorching.

As far as the web is concerned, it would not attract a second glance were it found in a museum. But it is one of the great scientific puzzles of the day. The camera must be focused upon it, then the marvel stands forth. The discovery of its peculiarity was accidental.

It is said, you know, that a camera never reveals anything except that which its lenses see. When the plates of an exposure of this cloth are developed, a most astounding thing happens. These plates reveal the outlines of a

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human body, the face of which is very distinct.

It is the face of a young man about thirty years of age, without a beard, and the hair short cropped. Across the forehead are dark, short lines resembling small wounds, or streaks of blood. When the other half of the sheet is ex-

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described—"A few months ago an aged servant of God remarked in our hearing that he could easily remember when the entire eastern half of America seemed to be 'one big prayer-meet-

How Bolshevism Was Checked

By Rev. Hugh W. White, D. D., Yen Cheng, Kiangsu, China.

THOSE who are dismayed by the baleful influence of Bolshevism on religion and morals, will do well to remember that America passed through a similar period just after the French Revolution.

Bolshevism at that time was known as Jacobinism, and had arisen largely through secret societies known as the Illuminati (a term equivalent to the Intelligentsia).

In France, if memory is correct, a woman of questionable morals was put up to establish a new religion, and the prevailing tone of moral conditions may be seen from the fact that Jean Jacques Rousseau had five illegitimate children, whom he dumped into a foundling institution minus funds and his name.

In America, one of the Presidents had imbibed some of their views about the Bible, and attempted to establish the University of Virginia with professors from France—who later had to be dropped because the good old Virginians would not patronize the institution.

In Princeton there were only three students who dared profess themselves Christians, and in Yale there were none, but *per contra* the boys would facetiously drop their own names and call themselves Renan, Robespierre, Rousseau *et al.*

How shall we account for America's return to Jesus Christ and sanity?

THEN, AS NOW, THE HUMAN MIND COULD NOT MEET THE SITUATION. BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT INTRODUCED A CENTURY OF REVIVALS. The colleges took the lead, one of the first revivals occurring in Hampden Sidney College, Virginia, about 1787.

The wide reach of the movement may be seen from what one man wrote

several thousands of miles from Virginia—"Since that day revivals have never ceased. I saw a continuous succession of heavenly sprinklings at New Salem, Farmington, Middlebury, and New Hartford, Connecticut, until in 1799 I could stand at my door in New Hartford, Litchfield County, and number 50 or 60 congregations laid down in one field of divine wonders."

Then about 1800, in the backwoods of Kentucky, a great revival occurred under the ministry of a Presbyterian preacher, which was attended by all classes, whites and blacks, from within a radius of 60 miles.

Rev. Barton W. Stone, who afterwards became a leading light with the Disciples of Christ, rode all the way across the state to attend. Coming with doubts, he was convinced, and when he reported the facts to his own people, a similar movement began, which he described thus: "The roads were crowded with wagons, horses, and footmen, moving to the solemn camp. It was judged by military men on the ground that between 20 and 30 thousand persons were assembled. Four or five preachers spoke at the same time in different parts of the camp without confusion. The Methodist and Baptist preachers aided in the work, and all appeared cordially united in it. They were of one mind and one soul; the salvation of sinners was the one object. We all engaged in singing the same songs, all united in prayer, all preached the same things. The numbers converted will be known only in eternity."

In some cases we may trace the human agencies used by the Spirit of God. When Yale University had such a revival that 75 out of 230 pupils were converted, we trace back to the selection of a godly President, Timothy Dwight—an example which may well be remembered by boards of managers today.

In a later case, a great revival could not be explained until it was found that a number of those converted first began to be moved on a certain day, and that on the self-same day, all unknown to others, a stuttering blacksmith had felt so deeply? that he had closed his shop and given the day to intense praying for souls.

Chas. G. Finney, who was so widely used in revival movements, himself became first interested in the subject while studying law. The authors, so often referred to the Mosaic Institutes as authority on great principles, that it set Finney to reading the Bible, which usually convinces a man.

The great revival of 1857 is thus

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ing'. How that prayer-meeting began is told as follows by Rev. E. Wigle in his book, *Prevailing Prayer*:

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Is this possible now in these days? It seems more difficult because the enemy with Satanic cunning has purposely misled so many of the clergy, the very men who should take the lead, and it looks as though God may have to use other men to outwit the strategy. But God is not limited.

We know that prayer for the Holy Spirit has a definite promise, conditioned only as to the manner in which His influence will be given. "If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children how much more shall your heavenly Father give" (not "good gifts" but) "the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." (Luke 11:13).

In our anxiety lest Bolshevism sweep away our faith, degrade our sons and daughters to gregarious customs, overthrow our governments and our Christian regime, we should remember that the human mind cannot outwit Satanic suggestion, but we have the resources of omniscience and omnipotence within reach, if we will only lay aside pride of human scholarship, and seek guidance. God can overrule even the crucifixion of the Christ to accomplish His purpose.

Bolshevism cannot live in a spiritual atmosphere!

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Protocols and Communism

By Dr. W. B. Riley, Pastor First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Genesis 47:1-20

JOSEPH, the youngest son of Jacob, the father of all Israel, has long worn the halo of sainthood.

His Old Testament record is one in which Jews took pride and the Christians of twenty centuries have been accustomed to pay him tributes of praise.

It is not my purpose to dim this halo or detract from just credit, but to interpret this text sanely and in the light of present-day world affairs.

The text selected for this discourse is a straightforward story of Joseph's administration of government affairs in Egypt; and it will be noted, in passing, that he proved himself a true son of his father, Jacob, keeping an eye to the first chance for his own, securing for his blood kin Goshen, the best of all the land, and while enriching them, he made a political move that stripped every Egyptian off all he had; his land, his horses, cattle, sheep, and converted him into a government slave, to be driven according to the pleasure of the potentate on the throne.

Strangely enough, after 4,000 years the whole world is facing a repetition of this Egyptian experience. New Josephs have arisen who threaten the overthrow of all free peoples, and whose plan, if successful, will enable

them to cash in on the world chaos and become themselves the prime ministers of the earth.

Sometime ago, in the British Museum, there was discovered a book entitled, "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion."

This book contains a full program by which it is proposed to submerge the nations of the earth to Jewish control; and, strange to say, history is now running into the mold of the Protocol program.

We shall not, at this time, discuss the origin of this book. It involves a debate that may never be settled. Jews in general deny that their elders wrote it. Many students of the same are firmly convinced that it could have no other origin, and there the matter stands.

But the comparison of the procedure of Joseph in Egypt and "the Protocol" plan, is interesting, to say the least, and worthy of careful consideration.

We desire now to study the text in the light of present history. The text in that light, involves The Economic Crisis; The Cash Control; and The Current Trend.

The Economic Crisis

In Joseph's day it came in consequence of crop failure.

"There was a famine in the land".

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It is a bit difficult for an American to appreciate the full significance of the word "famine." So abundantly has God blessed our land that the lack of bread has been almost unknown in its history; and, with the coming of modern machinery, our crops have even exceeded all demand, so that we live not alone in a land of plenty, but in a country of great surplus. The big problem for America is the problem of disposing of surplus foodstuffs and manufactured products.

The most of us have never seen a starving man, and few of us have ever known hunger that exceeded a single day in duration; but we can learn from history what this frightful monster of "famine" means. When one listens to a rehearsal such as our Russian brother, Peter Deyneka, gives, whose own brothers and sisters, in Soviet Russia, starved to death, he visualizes the terrors of this awful thing that through the centuries has slowly consumed its millions of agonizing victims.

Think of children, as in the Deyneka family, pulling up grass and carrying it to a starving mother, pleading with her:

"Mama: Can't you make us a soup of this? Something! Something! Something! so that we can eat and live."

Think of a mother—Mrs. Deyneka—watching the fevered swelling bodies of her starving children, as day after day they go without a bite, until she, herself, begs them to kill her and eat her flesh!

Such has been the fate of many in that land of Jewish Dictatorship in Russia, now famed by propagandists as the land of "the noble (?) experiment of Sovietism." And then, if your imagination can possibly expand to the infinite, think of thousands of our fellow countrymen, communists—desiring to bring a kindred control to this free and over-favored country. If you can contemplate that without a revolt of spirit that makes you ready for patriotic defense, you are an unfit citizen of this "land of the free" and this "home of the brave."

The present advocates of "COMMUNISM" for America are nothing other than friends of the monster, Famine; and they would, if they could, bring it about tomorrow, that, by the day following, they might filch the land of all its gold, take over its cattle and its farms, and possess themselves of all its factories, arts and industries. That is "the Protocol Plan."

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"We shall so wear down the Gentiles that they will be compelled to offer us international power and by its possession will enable us, without further violence, gradually to absorb all of the State forces of the world and to form a super-government."

In Joseph's day famine crushed the spirit of the people.

Starvation is no less effective in the twentieth century. Recently in Russia the self-appointed rulers of that political bedlam, have, between decapitating the noble and learned of the land, and stripping, of every earthly possession, the poor classes, made themselves absolute. They can live in luxury while their slaves must beg for bread; and if any, by word or deed, offend, then starvation or Siberia is their fate; and between the two there is little choice!

"Ellery Walter counted recently in four weeks' time seventeen train loads, some forty cars long each, of such people. Men, women, and children peered out at him through the bars. They were enroute to hard labor, prison camps, or death in Siberia."

Believe it or not, I give you my testimony that I have already received through the mails, a commissary book made out in my name, carrying my picture, and proposing to provide me, on presentation at the Communistic government stores, with food and clothing so long as I remained a satisfactory subject of these particular super-governors. But on my particular commissary pass was plainly stated that if I offended it could be taken up; and if I was found without it, I could be cast into prison without trial; and that pass was stamped for use in the United States in 1934.

I have that book in my possession; thousands of them are abroad; the sight of it is an insult to any free American, and its existence should arouse such public indignation as to sweep the spirit of Sovietism forever from our shores.

The truth is, that, like the disciples of Jesus, most true Americans are sleeping while the new Judas Iscariots are not only selling our Christ for small pieces of silver and gold, but are planning the crucifixion, not only of our Christianity, but of our civilization itself.

Already America is increasingly coming to the Soviet sovereignty. Fifty years ago a citizen worked one day out of every twenty to pay his share of government expenses. Now it takes his every third day to discharge the same. I have surrendered my home to mortgagors within a year because my taxes were heavier than I could carry.

Meantime managing bureaus are created with every passing hour. All the letters of the alphabet have long since been consumed in naming them. New and varied combinations of these letters have to be invented to compass their number. So far as some of us can

see, these bureaus have brought no blessing to the land, but have proven like the Old Testament prophetic picture: consumers only.

"That which the palmerworm hath left, hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left, hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left, hath the caterpillar eaten." Joel 1:4.

If Communism is not the objective of President Roosevelt and his "Brain-Trust," it was extremely stupid for them to adopt the Russian Soviet appearance in program!

Little wonder that H. L. Mencken said to the "BRAIN TRUST":

"Go back to your old jobs while the going is good. Go back to teaching sophomores to be ashamed of their fathers. If you go on much longer trying a new cure every day on poor old Uncle Sam, and sending in a bill for one hundred million dollars for everyone, you may wake up some morning and find the country howling for your hide!"

America is in dire need of a revolution, but it ought to take the opposite direction from the one now being advocated by theorist-professors. Alfred Smith, six years ago a candidate for the Presidency, of the United States, has proven himself a far better friend of Americanism than the present "Brain Trust."

In the "New Outlook" he calls attention to the fact that New York State has several times as many officials as are required to give it a far better government than at present it enjoys; and suggests that the sensible step would be to wipe hundreds of them from the State and place in the hands of far fewer and more competent men an economic administration.

In Joseph's day the Egyptians had to surrender or die!

When they had given up all their chattels and nothing remained to them but their land and their lives, they came back to offer both for the privilege of a slave existence; and, mark you, the offer was what Joseph had planned and expected, and he instantly closed the bargain.

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In America we have had a drunken orgy of wealth. Our millionaires have not only been crooks; most of them have been fools. They have vainly supposed that they could go on adding fortune to fortune; could climb from the possession of millions to the top of billionaire mountain; and, in order to do so, they have joined hands with the secret despilers of social good and have inflated values, watered stocks and robbed the whole land of untold wealth. The public should withhold its tears of sympathy as prisons open to receive them.

The time has come when, by intelligent legislation and righteous execution of the law, such godless greed should be condemned and curtailed.

But even these men, in their endless greed, have remained humane. Some of them have voluntarily passed back millions on millions to the uses of the public. They have invested it in parks, they have endowed schools; they have constructed art galleries; they have set aside hundreds of acres as playgrounds for the poor. Some of them have gone so far as to say we would be "ashamed to die rich" and while humaneness is with a man the public will never become to him a mere medium of personal profit; but it seems to be a fact of history that there is a class of men whose love of money is, and has always been, so great that it crushes out all humane sentiment and expresses itself in one cold purpose—gain. Joseph was a fair sample of such men, and a son of their flesh as well!

The Cash Control

It will be conceded that when Joseph took over "all the gold" of Egypt and stored the same in the government vaults, he took the first step toward the complete enslavement of the people.

It is significant in the last degree, that the present administration, under Jewish counsel, duplicated that step within one month after its installation

in power. Herzl, the great Jew, addressing the Elders of Zion, says:

"You are aware that the gold standard has been the ruin of the states which adopted it, for it has not been able to fit its demands; so that we have removed gold from circulation as far as possible; and we would thus set about the overthrow of them as a matter of policy."

Dr. Munzer, another Jew, in his book, "The Way to Zion," admits:

"We Jews spilled the blood of the masses. We have tarnished and broken their power. We have made everything foul, rotten, decomposed, and decayed."

Disraeli, the greatest Jew that the English world ever knew, in his book "Connigby," 1844, said:

"The world is governed by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are not behind the scenes."

Later, in another volume, "The Life of Lord Bentinck," pp. 497 to 498, he added:

"The influence of the Jews may be traced to the last outbreak of destruction in Europe. An insurrection takes place against tradition and aristocracy, against religion and property. Destruction of the Semitic principle, extirpation of the Jewish religion, whether in the Mosaic or the Christian form, the natural quality of men, and the abrogation of property are proclaimed by the secret societies that form provincial governments, and men of the Jewish race are found to be at the head of every one of them."

Walther Rathenau, the Jewish financial adviser to the Kaiser, an agent of the Rothschilds, in the Weiner press, December 24, 1933, said:

"Only 300 men, each of whom knows all the others, govern the fate of the earth. They select their successors from their own *entourage*, these German Jews have the means in their hands of putting an end to the form of any state which they find unreasonable."

William Jennings Bryan—the Nemesis of Wall Street—the most astute of American statesmen, the Christian whose prophetic insight into national and international affairs seemed almost an inspired prescience, said:

"New York is the city of privilege! Here is the seat of that invisible power, represented by the allied forces of finance and industry. The invisible government is reactionary, sinister, unscrupulous, mercenary and sordid. It is wanting in national ideals and is devoid of conscience. This kind of Government must be scourged and destroyed."

Had Bryan lived, the democratic party would doubtless have been saved the eternal disgrace of re-enthroning the demon, liquor, and may never have fallen into the contorting hands of the mugwump Jew, Raskob, and his communistically inclined confederates!

The brilliant Jew, Doctor Oscar Levy of London, has well stated the case:

"We have erred, my friends; we have most grievously erred.... We who have posed as the saviors of the world; we, who have even boasted of having given it 'the' Savior, we are today nothing

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PROTOCOLS.

From Page 21.

else but the world's seducers, its destroyers, its incendiaries, its executioners... We who have promised to lead you to a new Heaven, we have finally succeeded in leading you into a new Hell."

There are those who believe that the last war was the product of Jewish machinations; they had their representative in every nation involved,—Walther Rathenau in Prussia; Balin, Schwabach, Simon and others in Germany; Rothschilds, the Kaiser's adviser; the Mounds, Sassoons, and Isaacs advising Lloyd George; the Rothschilds and M. Thiers, influential in France; Brandies, the Warburgs and Klein in the United States with Barnard M. Baruch in almost absolute control at Washington; and some think that instead of working for "peace," they deliberately planned together for international pandemonium and destruction. The desired objective being the near extinction of the Gentile, or so-called Christian nations; and now they are in American affairs in a larger way than ever before, boasting their numbers in Roosevelt's counsel, while the communistic wave is sweeping over America with a large Jewish backing.

Since the day when the first Rothschild provided 17,000 Hessians to fight against the liberty-loving Revolutionists on American soil and was loaned the sum of twenty millions of dollars for sixteen years, without interest, he and his children, in-laws, and financial institutions, have united in one continuous ever-increasing endeavor to control the world.

Today in our land many of the biggest trusts, banks, and manufacturing interests are controlled by Jews; tobacco, cotton, sugar,—they handle in overwhelming proportions. Many of our journals they edit. Most of our department stores they own. They are the landlords of enormous residential properties. The motion pictures, the most vicious of all immoral, educational and communistic influences, is their creation. Fifty per cent of the meat packing, sixty per cent of the shoe making, a large proportion of men's and women's ready-made clothing, our smelting, jewelry, land, liquor business—they loom in them all; but, in spite of the fact that America has been made the refuge of welcome for them, and they have been treated as guests of honor, they have dared to undertake the setting of the host's house in order.

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our higher education today. Very largely they believe in and advocate the evolutionary hypothesis; and, they are bitter opponents of the Bible in the public school. In our land of Christian Gentiles, reputed to be 30 to 50 to their one, they tell us what we can teach in our schools and what we can not. And, like the weaklings we are, we subside. In the name of that most abused word "liberty" we surrender our own, yield up our convictions to their demands and educate our children in Godless schools, because, forsooth, the apostate Jew objects to having either God or His Holy Word mentioned in the same. Senator Walsh, Regent of the School of Foreign Service, on May 5th, 1934, openly charged "The Third Internationale of Russia" with breaking their word to the President, by cabling to the Communists of the United States to renew activities in factories and among the working classes. The Minneapolis and Toledo and Shoremen strikes, with their brutal murders, were the immediate result!

So much for cash control! The Joseph plan is in operation again!

In this Old Testament instance the plan was utilized to impoverish alike the rich and the poor.

That is why your millions of unemployed are being increased daily. The COMMUNIST plan is to start strikes in every trade; set white and black against one another; create bitterness between employer and employed; stir hatred and conflict until they cause war; the hope being in the pandemonium thus produced, they can exterminate existing order, and seize the reigns of government.

One of the most brilliant minds making contribution to the subject, as well as one of the bravest souls that free America has yet produced, is Elizabeth Dilling, of Kenilworth, Ill. In her book, "The Red Network," she gives us, at first hand, her Russian observations where she saw parentless little children by the score eating from garbage cans, hanging hungrily about hotel back doors; and how she, herself, on one occasion rode with the rulers in the finest cars of American make.

That's what Communism means! She says she was told "there are over 70 Rolls Royces in use in Moscow as the private cars of these officials," but the poor, oppressed laborer walks or hangs out of an over-crowded street car, or hangs about a station a week before he can secure a ticket, if he wants to travel for any considerable distance.

Time has a marvelous way of avenging wrongs. The Jews that Joseph exalted to Bolshevik positions and to whom he subjected the Egyptian people at first, were finally seen by a new Pharaoh as equally capable of yielding a return to his rapacious maw, and so he enslaved them, took property from them, cracked the whip over them, and made them to become the further mediums of his insatiable greed. It is so now with Stalin in Russia. It will be so again!

The Jews claim 14 millions of people in the world. It is my profound conviction that they have at least five times this number, and among them there are thousands of plain Jews that never heard of THE PROTOCOLS, that do not dream the scheme; they hardly know the name of the Roth-

schilds. They would not understand if you told them what Walther Rathenau said about "the super control" of a few. Such Hebrews, orthodox or Christian, will suffer with the rest of us, when once this free country has fallen into the hands of the Communists. Thousands of them have so suffered in Russia already, for Kerensky, their Joseph, is gone, and Stalin, the new Pharaoh, now cracks the whip over Jew and Gentile alike. In the language of that brilliant woman, Elizabeth Dilling, "Our duped farmers and laborers are now making a pact with hell which provides the cross upon which to crucify Christian civilization."

All of this leads me to discuss as our last point—

The Current Trend

There are four or five watchwords which have become current in the last ten years. Those who created them probably understood their intent from the first, but only time has made it evident to outside observers. These watchwords are "Disarmament," "Internationalism," "Social Gospel," etc.

They sound harmless enough; if employed by pure and unprejudiced minds, each one might have a beneficial meaning.

But they have become passwords of the secret order which deliberately plots, not alone the downfall of the American Government after the manner of Russia's collapse, but the overthrow of every civilized government in all the world. That becomes clearer daily! What civilized nation did not have to call its police force into action and have its entire constabulary standing ready to combat this endeavor on May day, 1934?

In Germany, in Austria, in Spain, in the South American Republics, in the Islands of the sea, in England, in the United States, in Canada, in far-away China, in Africa, in every land there was apprehension; and the only reason that any of those nations escaped bloody civil war beginning on May 1st was the fear on the part of Communists that they were not yet equal to their diabolical intention. These passwords must be further improved; additional education must be carried on; additional converts must be made! An abortive endeavor might set back their intentions for a century, and so although they threatened, and, in some places, dared to strike, the day passed with only a few casualties!

But let us not be misled. The under-

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cover work still carries on. The passwords increase in potency, and the plan for a wrecked world must be improved upon!

Internationalism!

What is the meaning of it? The word "patriot," which has long been honored in all the world, now has cast upon it aspersion after aspersion. Patriots are accused of "narrowmindedness," "low prejudice," "provincialism," "limited outlook," etc.

Back to the Protocols again! You will find that they advise such treatment of that word. The Christian people, recognizing their obligation to the Jew for the Old Testament, and proudly claiming kinship with him because Jesus was born of a woman belonging to that nation, have assiduously sought the Jew's good. When the late World War was on, both England and Germany promised that whoever won, Judea should be given back to the Jew; and when finally Jerusalem fell into the hands of General Allenby,—a Christian,—this promise was made good.

Samuels, a Jew, was set over the land and the Zionist movement was fostered and favored the world around. Rathenau says, "Within a hundred miles of Jerusalem there is room and land capable of supporting two hundred million Jews."

Are they going back? A few of them only, and that because "the promise must be fulfilled."

What about the rest of them? They thank you for your interest, but politely decline your offer. Why? They are internationalists! They don't want a limited part of the world, but the whole world; nothing else will satisfy them.

Remember the Protocols!

"We shall so wear down the Gentiles that they will be compelled to offer us international power, that by its possession we will be enabled, without any further violence, gradually to absorb all the state forces of the world and to form a super-government."

Perhaps never in human history was there anything akin to the illustration of the blind leading the blind, comparable to that now in existence.

The Methodist Church, North has given its approval to this international plan. The overwhelming majority of the Congregationalists of this country, and thousands of others—modernists, like Northern Baptists—have fallen into the same trap.

Three outstanding leaders of New York City churches, a Baptist, professedly, a Methodist, professedly, and a Congregationalist, professedly, have joined hands with the Jews in advocating "Internationalism." So far has this sentiment grown that we seldom sing:

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty."

Patriotism is everywhere pooh-poohed.

Douglas McIntosh asked for citizenship and was refused it by the Supreme Court of the United States because he would not take the oath of unqualified loyalty to this land, and every Hebrew Rabbi and every Liberal preacher, and every unbelieving professor in the land, and four liberals in the court itself, rose up in indignation, denounced

the decision, and called upon Christian Assemblies to join them in the protest. It was my pride and joy, when this came up before my own state convention, to move that the protesting resolution be not heard, and the motion overwhelmingly obtained.

Compare our national anthem with the language of the *Internationale*, the rallying cry of Communism.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty
To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light:
Protect us by Thy might
Great God, our King!

Arise ye toilers of all nations,
Condemned to misery and woe;
To hell with HUMBLENESS and PATIENCE.
Give deadly battle to your foe!
Wipe out the RULING WEALTHY CLASSES.
Arise and slash your thraldom chains,
Let power be wielded by the masses,
Let those who labor hold the reigns!

This is enough in itself to stir any conscientious man to quick and drastic action against the monster Communism.

The Social Gospel!

When first this phrase was coined and began to be freely passed about, in my innocence I had no serious objection to it. I supposed my self-named "liberal brethren" meant by it that Christian men and women should give themselves, as never before, to sympathy for the stricken and assistance to the needy, to the uplift of the downtrodden, the education of the ignorant, and the Christianization of the heathen.

That sort of Social Gospel has always been the product of Fundamentalism! James was absolutely right when he said, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves," and "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food" feed and clothe them.

Shades of Dr. Tittle of Evanston and Bishop Francis J. McConnell; of Mondale, Einstein, Jane Adams, Ox-

man, and others!

We find now that the Social Gospel is not only a refutation of the gospel of blood; but, if you please, it is a gospel to the effect that nationalism is "narrowness," and the social gospel necessitates the adoption of political Socialism, and, eventually, is to end in Soviet Communism. Let me remind you that in Rochester, N. Y., the ex-president of my Baptist denomination and the present president of the Council of Churches of Christ, presided in the theological seminary of which he is President, while a Union Professor in the presence of a hundred students for the ministry openly declared for Communism, according to the press-report, and told those young men that their task for the future would not be to preach, but to join unions, agitate, picket and contend for Communism; and, that meeting over, another, a like convention, was appointed for Crozer Baptist Seminary!

In the language of the Apostle Paul, we have not only adopted "another gospel, which is no gospel" but we have permitted the enemies of the cross to frame for us a new confession of faith patterned after the oldest endeavor of the devil himself, and to promise to the world a

"New Deal"

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God; and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God, and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is in the world." (1 Jno. 4:1-4.)

Modernism is, at last, throwing off its disguise. It is the enemy of Christ: Its Social Gospel is Socialism, and Socialism eventuates in COMMUNISM—the forerunner of the Antichrist!

(Note: The foregoing article is made up of extracts from Dr. Riley's address on the subject. Complete text of the message is available in booklet form.)

Missionary Report From Liberia

UNIQUE and important is the missionary work being done in Liberia, West Africa under the leadership of Rev. Paul Revere, the son of a heathenish Kroo witch-doctor.

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"We are very much thankful for the kind and loving interest of all Defender Readers in this work. We pray fervently that the misfortune being visited upon Ethiopia may not be experienced in poor and weak Liberia. . . .

"Evangelism is the greatest need of my poor people. In your wonderful

United States where you enjoy so many blessings of the Gospel, you can scarcely imagine how anxious are these people for some word of spiritual light about God, the Bible and our Saviour. Those who live on the Kroo coast are truly sheep without a shepherd. . . .

"I am happy to report that the new interior church at Wissehpo is achieving results with an enrolled membership of 250 who have recently found Christ. . . . Another new church is ready for me to dedicate at Sanquin. . . . We have faithful native preachers at both of these places."

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Missionary Messages

Letters From Dr. Rodriguez

PUERTO RICO, January 30, 1936: "The new portable organ has been received. Last Sunday we publicly dedicated it for sacred use. It was a glorious meeting at which twelve persons accepted Christ. In one week, prior to this occasion, 105 persons were definitely converted at services held in our Tabernacle.

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THANK YOU MR. GORDON! Mr. Ernest Gordon published the following statement in his department of a recent issue of *The Sunday School Times*: "Dr. J. F. Rodriguez has charge of the Spanish work of the 'Defenders of the Christian Faith', and is active at present in Puerto Rico. He has a promising radio station which sends out Gospel services one hour each week from San Juan. Restaurants and other public places tune in, and many thousands thus receive the message. He has also a Gospel car going about from place to place, an evangelical magazine, *El Defensor*, and a Bible Training Institute for young people. Defender workers are holding open-air meetings at 75 preaching points, and regular weekly work is carried on in 58 different chapels. Dr. Rodriguez' work does not duplicate the denominations in any way, but seeks to co-operate with them in active evangelism."

(Note: The Spanish work is one of the most important branches of the entire program of the Defenders Movement. Gifts are earnestly solicited.)

Katherine Beard

"MANY times we go into Navajo homes," writes Miss Katherine Beard, "where there is sickness and would like to bring with us a touch of the loving ministry of Christ and pray with them, but find that they have called in their heathen Medicine-Men and are being sung over to drive out the evil spirits.

"When we find this, we do not try to intrude because we would not be

welcomed by the family. We simply go away and return when the *sing* is over and then they are frequently willing for our help.

"*Hosteen Dil-bi ye* is very sick now with tuberculosis. He sent word for us to come. But when we went he was having a heathenish *sing* over him. We went away and returned later. He was too sick to listen to God's Word. Voices disturbed him, but he said: 'Come back when I get better and I will want to hear.'

"We reminded him that he might not get better, but he felt sure that he would. We have not yet been able to get back because of the bad roads."

Miss Beard, a faithful missionary of the Defenders Movement, is laboring among the Navajo Indians of Arizona. She reports many victories in Christian service, many souls saved, many lives transformed.

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"The Navajos have firmly adhered to the worship of their pagan gods.



A Navajo Youngster
On the Arizona Reservation

Other Indian tribes have been quite susceptible to Christian teachings but this tribe in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, who in 1869 numbered 9,000 and now number 45,000 according to the statistics of the Literary Digest, have failed to yield to Christian teaching." —*Herald of Holiness*

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SPEAKING in Wichita, Kansas about three years ago, the late Ralph Norton said: "The American people do not realize that Europe is largely pagan. There is very little Christianity existing in those countries. This is why it was possible to have a World War over there."

Mr. Norton invested his life in the Lord's service for Belgium.

Comparatively few Christians understand the importance of doing missionary work among the nations of Europe. Aside from England and Germany, there is very little protestant Christianity in European countries.

Greece, for instance, has less than 1,000 actual believers, out of a population of 7,000,000. And, it will be recalled, that the Apostle Paul made this interesting Country the cradle of Christianity in the western world.

Pausing at the Island of Troas in western Asia, Paul prepared to return east with the Gospel. But, through a vision in the night, a man appeared to him on the shores of Macedonia saying: "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Then and there he came west, visiting Philippi, Neapolis, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth and other points.

All of these places, visited by Paul, are steeped in Paganism. . . No greater witness is being given for the Gospel in Greece today than that of Rev. A. Velonis, head of the Greek work of the Defenders Movement.

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Man created in the image of God is a trinity. He consists of spirit, soul and body—three entities or parts in one person (1 Thess. 5:23). While the spirit, soul and body are united the man is alive, but when the spirit and soul leave the body, his body is dead (Gen. 35:18; James 2:26). The Word of God teaches that every human body that dies shall live again in a resurrection, when spirit and soul shall return to dwell in the body.

"Resurrection" means to rise from the dead, to return from death to life, "to stand again", and it refers to the body. It is the body that goes down in death. Therefore, it is the body that needs to be made alive in order to stand up.

Christ's resurrection proves this claim. Three days and nights after His death on the Cross He rose from the dead with a living body. He demonstrated that He had His same body alive again by showing His disciples the crucifixion marks in His hands and side. His disciples had the opportunity of feeling His "flesh and bones." He ate "fish and honeycomb" before their eyes.

Our bodies can die but once (Heb. 9:27); and after they have been made alive in resurrection they "cannot die" again (Luke 20:36; John 11:25, 26; Rom. 6:9). The Lord Jesus Christ was the "first" or "chief" example of resurrection and was presented to God as the "first fruits" (*archi*) or "head" sample, after which pattern all others have been or will be raised from the dead.

"As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all (saved and unsaved) be made alive" in a body. A resurrection body, being unable to die, will exist forever in either Heaven or the Lake of Fire.

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The Biblical term "second death" does not mean annihilation or extinction of being.

I. THE OLD TESTAMENT RESURRECTIONS

There are three resurrections recorded in the Old Testament, as follows:

1. The widow's son, whom God raised from the dead through the faith of Elijah the Prophet (1 Kings 17:17-24).

2. The Shunamite woman's son, whom God raised from the dead through the faith of Elisha the Prophet (2 Kings 4:8-37).

3. The man whom God raised from the dead when his body touched the bones of Elisha the Prophet (2 Kings 13:20,21).

II. THE NEW TESTAMENT RESURRECTIONS

There are eight resurrections recorded in the New Testament which have already taken place.

1. The Widow's son whom the Lord Jesus Christ raised from the dead (Luke 7:11-16).

2. The daughter of Jairus, whom the Lord Jesus Christ raised from the dead (Luke 8:40-56).

3. Lazarus, brother of Mary and Martha, whom the Lord Jesus Christ raised from the dead four days after his death (John 11; 12:1,2,9).

4. Moses, the Great Deliverer, whose body was wanted for the transfiguration (Jude 9; Matt. 17:1-5).

5. Jesus, whose body came forth from the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea three days and three nights after His burial (Luke 24:1-12).

6. A company of Old Testament Saints, who rose from the dead at the time of the resurrection of Jesus (Matt. 27:50-53).

7. Tabitha, called Dorcas, whom God raised from the dead through the faith of the apostle Peter (Acts 9:36-43).

8. Eutychus, whom God raised from the dead through the faith of the apostle Paul (Acts 20:6-12).

Thus we note that there are eleven resurrections in the past according to the Old and New Testament records. The same source predicts seven separate and distinct resurrections for the future.

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III. THE FUTURE RESURRECTIONS

"Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." (John 5:28, 29)

The order of the future resurrections is very plainly presented in the Holy Scriptures. "Every man in his own order; Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His Coming" (1 Cor. 15:23).

1. The "out-resurrection from among the dead" (Phil. 3:11) is the next prophetic event to be fulfilled. This will be a physical resurrection of certain believers out from among the myriads whose bodies sleep in the dust of the earth, at the exact moment when the Church which is "His Body" is complete or made perfect.

Those only who are members of "His Body" will be resurrected and with the translated living believers "shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (Eph. 3:1-5; 4:11-16; 5:23; Phil. 3:20; Col. 1: 24-27; 1 Thess. 4:18-18).

Jesus said: "I go to prepare a place (The Holy City—New Jerusalem of Rev. 21:9-27) for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2,3).

"Flesh and blood (the living) cannot inherit the kingdom of God; Neither doth corruption (the dead) inherit incorruption" (1 Cor. 15:50). Our present bodies are not fitted for the fiery, dazzling Shekinah glory of Christ's presence. The ravishing sounds would burst our ear-drums, and the glorious sights would blind our eyes instantly.

Our frail bodies would wither and vanish away, like a snow flake in a blazing furnace. Since we are to be presented spirit, soul and body, perfect and blameless, at His coming (1 Thess. 5:23), it is interesting to learn how the plan of redemption meets this need. "Behold, I show you a mystery (a sacred secret); we (believers) shall not all sleep (die), but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we (living believers) shall be changed. For this corruptible (the dead) must put on in-

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corruption (bodies not subject to disease and decay), and this mortal (the living) must put on immortality (bodies that cannot die). So when (at the Rapture) this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Cor. 15:51-54), not at death, when the grave claims a victim, but at the resurrection of the body, when the grave gives up the dead.

As Jesus cried, "Lazarus, come forth", and the dead responded, so shall the members of the true Church hear His voice and come forth to immortality fashioned like His glorious body. The living do not precede the dead, but together with them are translated to meet the descending Bridegroom. This event ushers in Daniel's Seventieth Week, the seven years of trouble, known as the tribulation period during which, and at the close of which, several resurrections will take place.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound,
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,
And in my Saviour's image rise.

2. *The resurrection of the personal Antichrist* (Rev. 13:3). A physical resurrection of the body of the World dictator and False Messiah who is symbolized at first by the White Horse Rider of Revelation 6:2 and later by the (wild) Beast out of the Sea of Revelation 13:1.

After three and one-half years the White Horse Rider will break his covenant with the Jews which will result in his death by the hands, perhaps, of an infuriated Jewish mob. The revised text of Rev. 13:3 reads: "Slain to death (killed)". At that moment, "in the midst of the (seventieth) week" Michael, the Archangel, wins a victory over Lucifer in a heavenly conflict. Lucifer, or as he is now become, in his fallen form, Satan, is cast down to the earth. He enters the dead body of the White Horse Rider—the False Messiah, incarnates himself, imitates the Virgin Birth and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, as he causes the one "wounded unto death" to stand up and live for three and one-half years as the Antichrist.

3. *The resurrection of an early company of Tribulation Saints*. (Rev. 7:9-14). A physical resurrection of a godly

suffering, martyred remnant at some point of time during the period of the great tribulation. This resurrection is subsequent to the "out resurrection" of those who comprise "His body" at the rapture, and is made up of those who "shall serve God day and night before His throne". These will have been saved after the Rapture.

4. *The resurrection of the Two Witnesses* (Rev. 11:3-12). A physical resurrection of the bodies of the divinely appointed two witnesses—the two olive trees—the two candlesticks—Enoch and Elijah, who have not yet died, but who will return to witness here on this earth for three and one-half years during the Seventieth Week of Daniel.

They will be slain. Their bodies will lie unburied in the streets of Jerusalem where they will be dishonored by men. "And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither" (Rev. 11:11,12).

5. *The resurrection of the one hundred, forty and four thousand* (Rev. 14:1-5). A physical resurrection of a separated distinct company of redeemed, undefiled, guileless, faultless persons who will be saved and stand steadfast, during the Great Tribulation period. This company will be a "first fruits" to God and the Lamb and will have the Father's name written in their foreheads.

6. *The "First" (or former) resurrection of the Tribulation Martyrs and the Old Testament Saints*. (Rev. 20:4-6). This will be a physical resurrection and will take place at the beginning of the Millennial reign of Christ. It is termed "the blessed resurrection" (Rev. 20:6), "the resurrection of the just" (Luke 14:14; Acts 24:15); "the resurrection of life" (Dan. 12:2,3; John 5:29); and "the better resurrection" (Heb. 11:35).

This resurrection includes two companies: a certain company of the righteous, who will die during the Seventieth Week of Daniel and the righteous dead of the ages preceding the earlier resurrections, generally termed the Old Testament Saints. The first company will live and reign with Christ a thousand years while the second company will be "King-Priests" (Rev. 20:4-6; Ex. 19:6; 1 Pet. 2:9).

Two future resurrections are referred to in the Old Testament and in the discourses of Jesus, one of the righteous and the other of the unrighteous. The Millennium intervenes between the two. Neither the "first" nor the second resurrection Scriptures

apply to the Rapture. Job wrote: "O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath (the day of wrath—the tribulation period) be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!" (Job. 14:13), then "thou shalt call, and I will answer thee" (Job 14:15).

The same prophetic anticipation closed the last message to Daniel the prophet: "But go thou thy way till the end be (the end of the Seventieth Week): for thou shalt rest (in the meantime), and stand (resurrected) in thy lot (with the other resurrected Old Testament Saints) at the end of the days" (Dan. 12:13).

Let us hear Job once again. "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another" (Job 19:25-27). The Lord will not stand upon the earth at the Rapture. It will be seven years after the Rapture when "His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem" (Zech 14:4).

God spoke to Israel through Isaiah (26:19) concerning their resurrection: "Thy dead shall live: my dead bodies shall rise" (i. e. the dead bodies of Jehovah's people). Again God speaks, this

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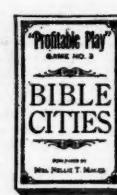


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time through Hosea: "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction" (Hosea 13:14).

Daniel 12:1,2 mentions two resurrections, and places the first after the end time. "Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life (at the beginning of the Millennium), and some to shame and everlasting contempt (after the Millennium)". How appropriate the words: "none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand" (Dan 12:10).

Jesus covers the same subject in John 5:28,29. "The hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life (at the beginning of the Millennium); they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of condemnation" (after the Millennium).

Rev. 20:4-6 sets forth the same truth with more light on the subject. "They (the Tribulation Martyrs) lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead (wicked of all ages) lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years".

The "first" resurrection is separated from the second or last resurrection by 1000 years,—not 1007 years as would be the case if the first resurrection embodied the rapture of the Church. Since the Old Testament Saints are not a part of "His body", the Church, they could not be expected in the Rapture. Their time and place of resurrection is seven years later, at the end of time of trouble when the Millennium or Kingdom age is ushered in.

7. The "last (or latter) resurrection of the unrighteous dead of all the ages" (Rev. 20:4-6). This will be a physical resurrection and is termed: "The resurrection of the unjust" (Acts 24:15); "The resurrection to shame and contempt" (Dan. 12:2); the resurrection to "damnation" (John 5:29). This great motley throng of resurrected, wicked souls will stand before the Great White Throne to be judged and then cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation 20:11-15 makes this plain.

By "rightly dividing the word of truth" we learn that the teaching of a single general resurrection for the dead is unscriptural, and that even two resurrections cannot be made to include all the dead. We discover that there are at least eighteen resurrection events in the Bible.

Our main business, as Christians, is to be prepared for the next gathering unto Him when the dead and living in Christ shall be caught up together "to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:17-18).

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1. Be absolutely sincere.
2. Let one and only one thought actuate you—to live for the glory of God.
3. Be as willing (if God wills) to have your request denied as granted.

While place we seek, or place we shun,
The soul finds happiness in none;
But with my God to guide my way
'Tis equal joy to go or stay.

M. Guyon.

4. Do not become agitated. If you have honestly missed God's first plan, He is considerate and glad to give you another opportunity. Believe Him!

5. Remember, God and His providences lead in only one direction at a time; therefore never adopt a new course until you feel equally clear to abandon a former one.

6. Always remember that you and your plans are His property. If so, you can afford to be set aside and unused if He can afford it, since your eye is single. The longer the delay, the larger the error.

7. Be willing to submit your plans to your superiors, yea, to those who are likely to oppose you. If your leadings are wholly of the Lord they will survive all opposition. The more you are abused, the more you will be used.

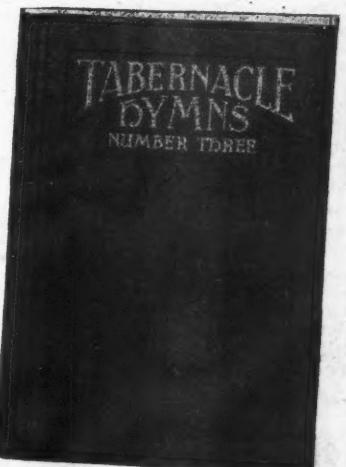
8. Rest! If you are wholly His, everything that comes to you is either sent or permitted by Him. If sent, then it is the very best thing that could come. If permitted, He stands ready, if you only believe, to rule and overrule all for your good and His glory.

9. Wait! When you do not know what to do, simply do nothing. Wait till the fog clears away. Do not force a half-open door. A closed door may be providential. Ability to hold still while under pressure gives God and Providence unlimited sway. A hurry spirit is always from beneath. "He that believeth shall not make haste."

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The Message of Easter

By Rev. Oswald J. Smith, Pastor The Peoples Church, Toronto, Canada.

WHEN I was in Russia, prior to the revolution, I visited the Easter services which are held at midnight in the Greek Orthodox Churches.

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Admittedly, they must be true or false. They must have been made up independently or together. There is no other alternative.

That they could not have been made up independently is demonstrated by the fact that the harmony is by far too complete. They are too much alike. This could not have been manufactured by individuals who had nothing whatever to do with each other.

On the other hand there could have been no consultation, no previous agreement or understanding, simply because there are too many apparent contradictions. Had the writers corroborated, they would have seen to it that there were *no* contradictions.

Therefore, they were not made up at all, either independently or in consultation. They are true statements of facts. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ was presented by each one

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as he himself saw it. Thus they are authentic.

In the second place, a careful study of the resurrection reveals the fact that all accounts were written by eye witnesses. Those who wrote saw with their own eyes the risen Christ.

The story is related simply and with no attempt to color it or exaggerate. One tells what another omits. This accounts for the apparent contradictions and differences.

Had they made it up years later, they would certainly have represented Him as appearing to his enemies and confounding them. That would have been the natural climax to the story. No writer of fiction would have thought of anything else. What an opportunity they missed! But the fact is, He appeared only to His disciples.

In the third place, even infidels admit that His disciples believed He had risen.

Renan, for instance, said that it was a hallucinated woman who gave the world a resurrected God. But that is impossible and absurd for there was a Matthew and a Thomas to convince and a Paul to convert.

Strauss declares that His appearances were visionary. But the eleven and the five hundred could not have had the same vision.

Others insist that He never died. What then of the "water and blood"? How account for it if He were dead?

Moreover, His enemies guarded His body, and if He had only fainted He would have been weak and would not have been able to escape from the tomb.

Last of all, Jesus Himself would have been an impostor. He stated that He would rise and He did. After His resurrection He declared that He had risen from the dead. If His Word was untrue then He was a liar and unworthy of our allegiance.

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is one of the best attested facts in history. There are hundreds of historical events that do not have nearly as many witnesses. Just think, there were ten groups that saw Him alive after His death.

First, Mary Magdalene at the tomb.
Second, Peter.

Third, the two disciples at Emmaus.
Fourth, the disciples in the upper room.

Fifth, the disciples with Thomas.
Sixth, the disciples on the shore of Galilee.

Seventh, the five hundred brethren at once.
Eighth, the disciples on Olivet at the Ascension.

Ninth, Stephen at his martyrdom.
Tenth, Paul on the road to Damascus.

Some of these witnesses saw Him, not once, but several times. How could they have been mistaken?

The fact that many of them died for their testimony shows their reliability.

Men do not die for nothing—not voluntarily! Yet these men and women gladly suffered martyrdom rather than deny their Lord.

Had these witnesses been false their enemies would have produced contrary evidence. Whereas, the best thing they could do was to spread the story about the disciples having stolen His body while the soldiers were asleep.

But note, if you will, that that was the soldiers' story. *They were asleep, so they said, and while sleeping they saw the disciples come and steal His body. Strange things to see when one is asleep.*

And think of a Roman guard being asleep, every man. Impossible!

On the other hand, how are you going to harmonize the theft with the order in which the grave clothes were found, the handkerchief, etc? When thieves break in they leave everything in confusion. But not so in the tomb of Jesus. The handkerchief was folded neatly and laid in a place by itself. The grave clothes were left in an orderly condition. There were no signs of fright and haste as there would have been had the nervous disciples attempted to take His body from the tomb.

For you must never forget the fear of His followers. They were afraid. In fact, they all forsook Him and fled. They had lost every atom of courage. Hence they would have been the last ones in the world to attempt the theft of a dead body from a tomb surrounded by a Roman guard.

And in any case, how are you going to account for the miraculous change from fear to courage and even boldness as a result of His resurrection? Had they stolen His body they would have remained in hiding. But the fact that they came out boldly, openly and publicly and proclaimed His resurrection, even going so far as to accuse the Jews and the members of the Sanhedrin of murdering Him, proves conclusively that they had nothing to do with His re-appearance.

No, His enemies produced no contrary evidence. They had nothing to say. Their explanations were childish, absurd and impossible. But had He not risen, how quickly they would have proven it.

The founders of all the world's religions have died, nor have they ever been resurrected. Christ and Christ alone arose.

When Talleyrand, the great agnostic, wanted to found a new religion, and finding it hard going, asked council of the king of France, he received this answer: "Go and be crucified, and on the third day rise again and men will believe in your religion."

Thank God, Jesus Christ rose triumphant over the grave. And some day we too shall rise. But that is another story. May we sing anew, with added fervor, this Easter-tide, the glorious chorus:

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign,
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

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Comments on the International Sunday School Lessons

For March and First Sunday in April

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March 8

Jesus Teaches Neighborliness*Luke 10:25-37*

LAWYERS are trained to sift evidence and arrive at logical conclusions. This man shows an understanding of the true purpose of human existence — "What shall I do to inherit eternal life."

Lawyers are trained in the art of asking questions. Jesus met him on his own ground by also using the questioning method — "What is written in the law?" and "How readest thou?"

"Who is my neighbor?" countered the lawyer, in an attempt to justify himself. This question was a confession. It shows the lawyer knew the law but was failing to keep it. His attitude became belligerent as he faced the truth. This is a characteristic of human weakness. People often revolt when faced with their sins.

"By chance" (verse 31). There is no chance in the mysterious weaving in by a higher hand, of the threads of different men's lives into one common woof. That hand brought the negative pole of one man's need to the positive pole of another's power to help; one man's emptiness into another man's fulness.

"A Samaritan" (verse 33). How that stings! How the Samaritan was hated by the priest, the Levite, even the wounded man in the road, and the lawyer who was trying to trap Jesus! But Jesus makes him the hero. It was a daring, masterly stroke.

He didn't stop to think of the circumstances, danger and inconvenience. He didn't study the law to see what he was supposed to do. It was not "What MUST I do?" of the lawyer, but "What CAN I do?"

The question (vs. 36-37) is not "Who was the neighbor of this Jew?" nor "Who was the neighbor of this Samaritan?" but "Who PROVED himself a neighbor?"

Who is my neighbor? The man who needs what I have. The man whom sin has stripped and wounded and robbed; the man who is externally in want; the man whose opportunities are few. You may not be able to see him from your front porch but you will meet him on the highways of life.

Being neighborly is helping the man in need. It is not an obligation but an opportunity; not a situation but an attitude. You are a neighbor not because of WHERE you live but because of HOW you live.

Jerusalem (the city of God); Jericho (the world); the traveler (humanity); the robber (Satan); the priest (the Law); the Levite (good works); the Good Samaritan (Jesus); wine (blood of Jesus); oil (the Holy Spirit); the inn (Church); "When I come... I will repay" (the Lord's Return).

March 15

Jesus Teaches His Disciples**To Pray***Luke 11:1-13*

AS the ocean fits the shore, this prayer brings together divine fulness and human need, in such a way that a glance shows us there never can be a need, either in the individual or in the collective life of the race, without a corresponding fulness in God to meet that need and make us "complete in Him".

To pray this prayer intelligently is to have nothing else to pray for.

"Our Father". Only Christians can call God "Father" (Jn. 1:12; 8:44) and only by the indwelling and illumination of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14-16).

"Thy kingdom come". How often these words fall from Christian lips without fully realizing that they point forward to the glad day when Christ will return and reign upon this earth.

"Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth." Dr. Clarke says: "The will of God is infinitely good, wise, holy; to have it fulfilled in and among men, is to have infinite goodness, wisdom and holiness diffused throughout the universe, and the earth made the counterpart of heaven."

We pray "Lord bless me, my family, my church, my city," etc. Only after my prayer has crossed every continent and every far flung island of the sea, after it has covered the entire wish and purpose of God for the world, only then am I taught to ask for a piece of bread for myself.

Lord, when I have prayed for the carrying out of Thy purpose through the length and breadth of the great parish of the world, what may I ask for myself? Just three things, (1) Daily bread, (2) Daily forgiveness and (3) Daily guidance. Feed me, forgive me, and keep me straight.

I cannot justly expect God to pay my board another day, unless I am living for the hallowing of His name, the coming of His kingdom, and the doing of His will. He may do it, for "He is kind to the unthankful and the evil," but I have no claim upon Him for it.

The first half of the prayer is God's program, the second, God's supply for my personal needs while I am carrying out the program.

God help us each time we repeat these wonderful words to allow ourselves to be poured into the mold the Master has set, and come out bearing more distinctly His image.

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March 22

Jesus Teaches True Values*Luke 12:22-34***WHY DO WE WORRY?**

(1) **It Is A Personal Habit.** It is largely a mental habit, an attitude of the mind toward what happens, may happen, or may not happen. Once the habit is acquired, there is little relief. Every threatened fluctuation of circumstances is signal for a fresh indulgence of it.

(2) **Because Others About Us Worry.** Our worldly neighbors know only the world's philosophy. We catch it from them and fall into their ways of looking at things. We are bound to do so, unless through a life of prayer, coupled with a constant feeding upon His Word, Christ becomes more real to us than our neighbors, His philosophy of life more dominant than their influence upon us.

(3) **Because We Do Not Realize Our Heavenly Father's Care.** This whole lesson stresses this important point.

WHY WE SHOULD NOT WORRY.

(1) **It is Harmful to Ourselves.** Its indulgence leaves one's mental, spiritual and physical forces depleted, leaving one the less capable of suitable action when action is needed.

(2) **It is Injurious to our Neighbor.** The world watches you worry and says: "These people go to pieces the same as the man of the world. They have nothing that I have not." You have lost your golden opportunity.

(3) **It Grieves the Heart of Your Heavenly Father.** When you worry you grieve your Father's heart, telling Him you are unwilling to take your place as His child and trust Him to fulfill His part as your Father. What often seems like a mountain to you is very small in His sight.

HOW NOT TO WORRY.

Appropriate the legacy of your Lord in His last will and testament, facing the Cross: "My peace I give unto you." It is not peace in itself; nor yet in us — such peace takes wings, disappearing like the dew before the oncoming heat of the day. It is HIS PEACE; a tried and proven peace; peace sustained and suffused by divine personality.

"Seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you." We have no right to ask God for temporal things until we have put Him first in our lives. Volumes could be filled with the testimonies of saints who have found that material blessings have been "added" to their lives after surrendering completely to the will of God.

"Fear not little flock." We may be in the minority in terms of numbers, but it is a comforting fact that God is on our side.

March 29

Jesus Explains The Kingdom

Luke 18:18-30

THIS world is not now the kingdom of God. The prince of this world, at the present time, is none other than Satan himself (Jn. 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Eph. 2:2). The kingdom of God cannot come visibly until the King comes. It will never be set up by man.

This fact explodes the myth now being expounded by Modernists and Socialists who are sponsoring Kagawa, the well known Japanese leader, on his present speaking tour throughout the United States.

Jesus and others taught "the kingdom of God is at hand." Jesus said: "There are some here of them that stand by, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God come with power." (Mk. 9:1) And because the kingdom of God which should come at Pentecost would be invisible (within you), Jesus gave three of his chosen ones a vision of His glory on the mount (Lk. 17:20,21; 19:11; Mk. 9:2-8).

Peter was given "the keys of the kingdom" while Jesus was here upon the earth, and Jesus said He would ratify it in heaven (Mt. 16:18). Peter used the keys first on the day of Pentecost. The kingdom could not come until after His ascension when He would be at the right hand of God to bind forever what Peter bound on earth.

The Parable of the Pounds (Lk. 19: 11-27), was given because they thought "the kingdom of God was immediately to appear" (or be visible). He doesn't say that the kingdom should come, but that it would not be visible. First must come the invisible, spiritual kingdom. Here we see the clear distinction between the church and the kingdom which has troubled so many.

On heaven's side we see the kingdom of God; for here is Jesus the King receiving the regenerated "born again" ones. But on earth's side we see the servants, preaching and teaching the Gospel whereby the children of the kingdom are born. But their organization is the church and is visible. It is the only thing that is visible; for the powerful work of the Holy Spirit and the work of the Word—by which one if begotten—cannot be seen, except in its effects. The church is the recruiting station for the kingdom of God. Christ is its head and the Holy Spirit is its heart and life.

From this parable we see that (1) Jesus is the nobleman; (2) He is going into far country (heaven); (3) While there He will receive His kingdom; (4) He will return. He does not return until He has received His kingdom, neither does He give His awards until He returns, "having received His kingdom".

(Space does not permit further development of this theme. We refer you to "Heaven's Kingdom on Earth" by Frank Asa Wight, Defender Publishers, \$1.00.)

Jesus Invites All People

Luke 14:15-24

LUKE 14:1-6. The lady of the house was hurriedly finishing some work neglected the day before, when the old Negro butler happened to pass by. "Miss Ginnie! Miss Ginnie!" he said, "You shore is breaking the Sabbath day!" "But, Uncle Clay," she argued, "the ox is in the ditch, and..." "Miss Ginnie," broke in the old man, "that ox ain't nothing but a stumbling block for folks to hide behind. The Scripture do say if he is in the ditch pull him out; but it don't nowhere say to push him in on Sat'day so as to have the chance to pull him out on Sunday."

VERSES 7-14. James McDougall, a young Scotchman, a candidate for the ministry preaching his trial sermon, was confident he would make an excellent impression. The pride in his face was evident to everyone in the church. The sexton, old Robin Malair, slowly shook his grizzled head. "I hae me doots o' yon laddie," he said. James

MUSSOLINI'S ORDERS

The January issue of the *Farm Journal* contains the following editorial:

"A few weeks ago Mussolini sent to all Italian newspapers published in the United States, a stern set of rules as to what they should and should not print; and how they should play up certain high lights about Italian activities in Africa.

"A few Italian editors who happened to be more American than Fascist disclosed this censorship from Rome."

WE HAVE been reading in the newspapers about the bloody revolt in Brazil. The man behind this uprising is Luis Carlos Prestes. He spent three years in Moscow—1931 to 1934.

McDougall made a miserable failure and walked down the pulpit steps, head bowed and heart humbled. "Ay, laddie," mused old Robin, "if ye had gone up as ye came doon, ye'd have come doon as ye went up!"

VERSES 16-24. Neither heaven nor earth has any use for the fellow who makes excuse. Heaven invites all to the prosperity dinner, but so many fellows have lands to see, oxen to prove, and a sweetheart to look after, that they go through the world on dried apples and water crackers when they might have Penobscot lobster, Kennebec salmon, chicken and waffles, and strawberries and ice cream.

This Scripture points forward to the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" described in Rev. 19:9, and Rev. 21:9-27.

VERSE 21. The "Guild of Poor Brave Things" were having a supper. Crutches were piled in the passage while their owners were enjoying themselves inside. A little girl was seen crying bitterly outside the door. When questioned as to the cause of her grief, she sobbed: "That's it; there ain't nothing the matter with me, and I can't go in unless there is."

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